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VFW hosts Christmas party



Members of the Carl Borchers Post of the V.F.W. #3736, and the Ladies Auxiliary, held a Christmas Party at the America Legion Hall last week. Special guests for the party were the families of the 107th Engineering Battalion based in Ishpeming, which is currently serving a mission in Iraq. Crawford County Library Director Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson read Christmas stories to the children, who were also given sock monkeys through "Operation Sock Monkey," the library's initiative to support the families of troops serving the country. Above, Abigail Wakeley, 3, receives a gift from Santa at the party.

Playground planned at Hanson Hills

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

While Hanson Hills is gearing up for the busy cross country and downhill ski season, officials are also focusing on a new playground addition at the recreational area.

Fund-raising efforts for a new playground at Hanson Hills are about to get underway.

The Hanson Hoppers Park will be located next to the fishing pond at the recreation area, adjacent to the existing playground equipment and ball fields.

Joni Dunckel, who became the program director at Hanson Hills earlier this year, took on the development of the playground as part of one of her first undertakings.

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City works on ordinance overhaul

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City officials are updating the city ordinances to clarify the rules and regulations used to govern the community.

The city ordinances are being codified so that the regulations are kept in an efficient and complete form for the citizens and city officials to understand.

Each ordinance is being reviewed by city officials and Municipal Code, a Tallahassee, Fla. firm, to make sure the ordinances are clear, comprehensive and comply with state laws, said Grayling City Manager David Thayer.

City officials are discovering the some of the ordinances are outdated and lack enforcement mechanisms to bring issues into compliance.

There are also ordinances that deal with similar issues, making it difficult to determine which regulations should be enforced, Thayer said.

The Grayling City Council will adopt each ordinance as it is updated. The outdated ordinances will be repealed sometime next year, and the new ordinances will then go into effect.

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City housing commission to take on expanded role

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City officials are revamping the city housing commission.

The main directive for the Grayling Housing Commission is to manage the property where the Crawford County Senior Center is located and the federally subsidized apartments located by the senior center.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said city officials are seeking to have the housing commission work on initiatives to improve the quality and quantity of housing in the community.

First, Thayer said the housing commission would apply for grants in order to provide funds to homeowners to rehabilitate and repair their homes.

The city may also try to establish a pool of money that would be used to help homeowners add on to their homes or build new homes. The funds would be used to provide jobs for local contractors, and would also replace homes that do not meet state or federal standards for the required amount of living space.

"It's a win-win all the way
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Gaylord man arrested after high speed chase

An 18-year-old Gaylord man led police on a high speed chase on I-75 last week.

Daniel Raymond Stafford was arraigned in Crawford County District Court on Friday for police officer fleeing and eluding third-degree, a felony that carries up to five years in prison, and possession of a controlled substance-hydrocodone, a two-year felony.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said that Deputy Ryan Swope observed the vehicle, driven by Stafford, traveling northbound on I-75 at a high rate of speed at 4:51 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12. The vehicle passed the marked patrol car Continued on Page 8A
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Library celebrates Night Before Christmas



Photos by Dan Sanderson

About 40 people attended the fourth annual Night Before Christmas celebration at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library last Thursday. Children were encouraged to wear their pajamas as they sat around the fireplace at the library, singing Christmas carols and listening to stories. Above left, Jane Gyulveszi, the library program director, helps Makenna VanAmburg, 8, make a Christmas ornament. Above right, Sgt. Sock Monkey, the library's mascot for its program to support the families of troops deployed to fight the war on terrorism, visits with the children. Below left, Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson, the Crawford County library director, leads the children as they sing Christmas carols.

Fire damages home on Bailey Lane

A Grayling Township home was damaged by a fire last week, making the structure uninhabitable.

Grayling City/Township Fire Chief Russell Strohpaul Jr. said firefighters responded to a structure fire, located at 1760 Bailey Lane, at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Upon arrival, firefighters observed smoke coming through the attic vents and eaves. Interior attack crews observed medium

fire conditions in the kitchen of the home.

The fire took about three hours to extinguish. The fire was contained to the attic and kitchen area, but the home sustained heavy smoke and fire damage, said Travis Roberts, the Grayling City/Township Fire Department's fire marshal and inspector.

The home is owned by Phil Stancil, of Grand Rapids, who recently rented the dwelling to tenants. There were no injuries at the scene, Strohpaul said.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation, Roberts said.

Firefighters were assisted by the Frederic Township Fire Department, Mobile Medical Response and the Crawford County Sheriff's Department.

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Troopers were assisted by officers from the Department of Natural Resources, the Richfield Township Police Department, the Gerrish Township Police Department, the Roscommon County Sheriff's Department and the Clare County Sheriff's Department.

Troopers find stuck snowmobiler in woods

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Presidential politics nears crucial stages

PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS is creeping toward us at a galloping pace.

The crucial stages begin in earnest in only a couple of weeks, with the Iowa caucuses kicking off the schedule on Jan. 3 — four days before the national college football champion is crowned.

On Jan. 7 in the BCS Bowl in New Orleans, will it be Ohio State or Louisiana State as national champ?

On Jan. 3 in the Iowa caucuses, will it be Mitt Romney, Rudy Giuliani or Mike Huckabee? Or Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama or John Edwards?

Presented herewith are selected personal musings about some of the candidates and their races for president.

MIKE HUCKABEE — The former Arkansas governor has hurtled to the forefront in both Iowa and national polling, despite scant money and skeletal organization.

"There's only one explanation for it," Mr. Huckabee said, "and it's not a human one."

I suggest a more earthly reason for Mr. Huckabee's surprising

surge — a "none of the above" sentiment among those polled.

But is America ready for another southern governor — especially one from Arkansas, and a Baptist minister to boot — as president?

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FRED THOMPSON — The former Tennessee senator may have waited too long to get into the Republican race. His candidacy has not caught fire. If Mr. Thompson was hoping for "none of the above" support, Gov. Huckabee seems to have cornered the market.

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RON PAUL — The Texas congressman appeals to mavericks and has made headway on the fringes of the GOP picture. But how many maverick Republicans are there?

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MITT ROMNEY — Mitt Romney's Mormon religion has become an obstacle for his candidacy. It was not that way when his father, George Romney, first ran for governor of Michigan, and again for presidential nomination in 1968, when his Mormon religion was stated, but not seriously questioned.

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JOHN MCCAIN — Michigan supporters of Sen. John McCain are hoping for a repeat of eight years ago when he upset Texas Gov. George Bush in the 2000 GOP primary.

That was then and this is now. Eight years ago, Democrats had no primary, and many Democrats along with independents cast Republican ballots to vote against Mr. Bush and embarrass Gov. John Engler who had

promised Michigan to the Bush camp.

In 2008, John McCain is not the fresh face, the non-establishment crusader he seemed eight years earlier, and it's unlikely he'll win the Michigan primary this time.

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HILLARY CLINTON — If she wins the nomination Sen. Hillary Clinton likely will draw considerable support just because she is a woman. However, many voters likely will vote against Hillary Clinton just because she is a woman. I suspect the blind pro-woman votes will be canceled by the blind anti-woman votes, and gender will not be a deciding factor in who becomes president. I'd like to see an informed poll on this question.

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BARACK OBAMA — The emergence of Oprah Winfrey on the Obama campaign trail is viewed as a cataclysmic development in presidential politics. Not so. Glamorous movie stars and entertainers long have campaigned openly for their favorites, often on the Democratic side, and Republicans have answered with

their own glamour backers. The difference here is that Oprah Winfrey has become an almost universal icon, and has such a huge following, mostly among women, who might be swayed from the Clinton camp by her eminence. Oprah certainly is a plus for the Obama campaign.

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JOHN EDWARDS — John Edwards has trotted out his own celebrity supporters. Actors Tim Robbins and Kevin Bacon both expect to beat the Iowa bushes for Mr. Edwards. Mr. Robbins and Mr. Bacon are competent actors, but they're no Oprah.

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HALF PRIMARY — The Michigan primary, trailing the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary by a few days, is really a half-primary. Republican voters can choose among a full slate, while Democrats offer only a half-slate.

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REAL QUESTION — All this early political campaigning leads to its real impact: Who will emerge as candidates for vice president?

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Some snowmobilers have no respect

To the editor:

I am angry that snowmobilers have no respect for personal property.

At least a couple of snowmobilers, in the past day or so, have clearly driven through our neighbor's front yard and our front yard.

They drove over our neighbor's bush, pretty much destroying it, and drove over our young

maple tree. It is still standing, but it will never fully recover.

The disturbing thing is that there are snowmobile trails and open fields for them to ram and jam with their snowmobiles.

I would like to see the snowmobilers get the word out that it isn't cool to destroy or almost destroy personal property.

Terry Lepsy
Grayling

VIEWPOINT

By Sheriff Wakefield, Crawford County Sheriff

Tips for snowmobile safety

Due to the early onset of winter conditions this year, Sheriff Wakefield reminds snowmobile riders to take extra precautions on the new fallen snow. Because it can take two weeks or more of below freezing temperatures for the ice on lakes, streams and ponds to freeze thick enough to support a snowmobile, Sheriff Wakefield urges riders to stay off the ice.

Further tips from Sheriff Wakefield:

Always keep your machine in top mechanical condition.

Always wear insulated boots and protective clothing, includ-

ing a helmet, gloves and eye protection.

Never ride alone.

Avoid, when possible, crossing frozen bodies of water.

Always be alert to avoid fences and low strung wires.

Never operate your snowmobile in a single file line when crossing frozen bodies of water.

Never operate your snowmobile on a street or highway.

Always look for depressions in the snow.

Keep headlights and taillights on at all times.

When approaching an intersection, come to a complete stop,

raise off the seat and look for traffic.

Always check weather conditions before you depart.

Never operate your snowmobile on railroad tracks.

Never operate your snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol.

Snowmobiles must abide by the same regulations as drivers

and Sheriff Wakefield will have his deputies out on patrol to make sure Crawford County residents stay safe this winter.

While Sheriff Wakefield hopes that nobody riding in Crawford County will find himself or herself in such a precarious situation while riding a snowmobile, by heeding the warnings above he knows you can stay alive.

EARLY DEADLINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Our office will close at noon on Monday, December 24.

Deadlines for the December 27 Avalanche will be:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 20 at 10 am

Community News: Thurs. Dec. 20 at 5 pm

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Classified Ads by the word: Fri. Dec. 21 at noon

The Avalanche office will reopen on Wednesday, December 26 at 9 am.

Our office will close on Monday, December 31 at noon.

Deadlines for the January 3, 2008 Avalanche will be:

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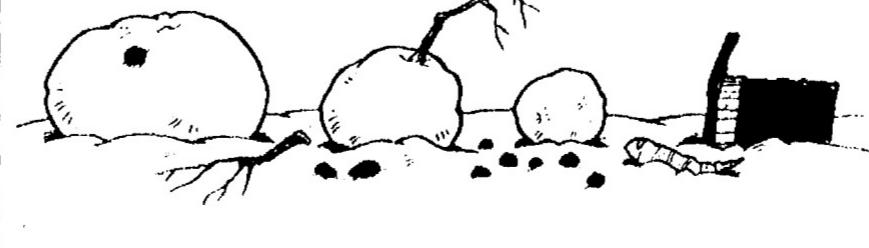
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The Avalanche office will reopen on Wednesday, January 2 at 9 am.

The first day of winter is December 22!

On this day, also known as the Winter Solstice, the Sun is farthest South. It is also the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, being that there are only 9.5 hours of daylight in some places.



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BRIEFS

Post office to have reduced hours

The Grayling Post Office will have reduced business hours on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The hours of operation will be 8 a.m. - noon.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

First culture confirmed influenza case reported of the season

According to Dr. James Wilson, Medical Director for District Health Department #10, the first culture confirmed influenza case has been reported for the 2007/2008 flu season.

Influenza B was isolated from a nine year old in Marquette County recently.

The 2007-2008 influenza season is just beginning. There is still a supply of flu vaccine at the Health Department. Vaccines will be given through the month of March, and possibly later, depending on the influenza activity.

By getting the flu shot, you not only help protect yourself but you can help protect high risk people around you. The more people who get the vaccination, the more people that develop "herd immunity," which means those who have the shot "will help prevent the most vulnerable people — the sick, the elderly and children —

from coming down with influenza. This could help save them from sickness, hospitalization or death," Wilson said.

Due to the vaccine being processed in eggs, those with allergies to eggs should check with their doctor before receiving the shot.

While Wilson encourages everyone to get the vaccine, he said it is especially important for pregnant women, adults, the elderly, children older than 6 months old and people living in a household with an infant, to receive the flu shot. Health officials recommend getting the flu vaccine annually because the flu bug changes a tiny amount every year.

While the shot is not 100 percent effective, Wilson said "It's the best defense that we have."

Call your local health department, if you have any questions. The number for Crawford County is 989-348-7800.

January blood drives to be held

Two blood drives will be held in Grayling during the month of January. On Wednesday, Jan. 2, a blood drive will be held at the Grayling American Legion, 106 James St., Grayling, from noon - 5:45 p.m. and on Friday, Jan. 4, a blood drive will be held at St. Mary's Family Center, 707 Spruce St., from noon - 5:45 p.m.

The need for blood never takes a holiday. Hospital patients need blood daily for the treatment of cancer, serious diseases, surgeries, accidents and trauma.

Blood shortages are typical during the winter holidays. People get busy with holiday activities and travel and don't take time to give blood. Snowstorms and cold weather adversely affect donor turnout.

Conversely, demand for blood can rise with increased roadway and vacation-related accidents.

Previous winter shortages have been as severe as 15 to 20 percent below desired levels.

Michigan's Red Cross considers a three-day supply safe and

adequate for meeting the needs of hospital patients in hundreds of Michigan hospitals. A five to seven day supply is considered optimal.

You can help. Encourage someone to give the gift of life for the holiday season. Make an appointment to donate blood at a blood drive near you.

The American Red Cross holds blood drives daily, from the Michigan-Ohio border to the Canadian border in Sault Ste. Marie.

To donate blood, one must be 17 or older, weigh 110 pounds or more and be in general good health.

Donors may give whole blood up to six times per year, or every 56 days.

Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE, or visit www.redcrossmichigan.org, for an appointment or more information.

Grandparents raising grandchildren program offered at senior center

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren ... Back On Duty, is a 16 week program offered Mondays, Jan. 7 through April 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Grayling Senior Center.

This program is designed to inform and support grandparents who have questions about their unique role as primary caregivers for grandchildren.

Topics such as legal and custody issues, disciplinary and parenting skills and communication and health care concerns will be addressed.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren ... Back On Duty is a jointly sponsored by Crawford County MSU Extension, Crawford County Commission on Aging, NEMCSA Head Start and COOR CTC Educational Occupations Program.

Millions of grandparents have returned to the role of parent. They have stepped in to breach

the gap and rescue children from a variety of situations.

The stress that grandparents have as repeat parents is quite different from the routine kinds of stress accompanying raising children. Grandparents recognize the critical role they are expected to play in the rearing of their grandchildren, and, importantly, they sincerely want to succeed.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren ... Back On Duty is a program designed to provide grandparents with valuable information in a supportive and caring environment.

The program is free for participants and childcare is provided for those with children not in school. Activities for the children will be provided by COOR CTC Educational Occupations Program students.

Enrollment, which is required, can be done by calling the Crawford County Commission on Aging at 348-7123.

Secretary of State offices to close for holiday's

All Secretary of State branch offices, and the Office of the Great Seal, will be closed in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

The offices will be closed on Monday, Dec. 24, and Tuesday, Dec. 25, for Christmas. Secretary of State SUPER!Centers normally offer Saturday hours but will close on Dec. 22, Monday, Dec. 31, 2007 and Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008 they will be closed for New Year's. SUPER!Centers will close on Saturday, Dec. 29.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

Motorists renewing license plates can "skip the trip" to the branch office and do business by mail, or if eligible, by Internet or touch-tone telephone. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven business days.

With the exception of hol-

days, branch offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Smaller branch offices may close for the lunch hour. On Wednesday's, most offices are open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., with those in city centers open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PLUS offices and SUPER!Centers are open from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. SUPER!Centers also provide Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to noon.

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"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23). This summary statement of Romans 6 compares to the summary statement in Romans 5: "That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord." This verse closes the central argument of Romans 6. Shall we as Christians continue to live in sin after we are saved. The entire chapter gives a resounding NO!

Many people want to blame God for their sin problems. They try to change the character and conduct of God toward sin. They try to deny the identity of sin. They try to deny both death and hell as end results of sin. But God would neither be holy, just, or true if He treated sin differently today than He always has. Sin pays wages to those who serve sin. God's Holy law reveals the condemnation and judgment promised for sin. People who die in their sins receive their own just rewards. They have no one to blame but self. "Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his

hands shall be given him." (Isa. 3:11). God said in Ezekiel 18:4: "Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die." "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever man soweth, that shall he also reap." For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." (Gal. 6:7,8).

Our salvation by God's grace is in stark contrast to our sin. "...but the gift of God is eternal life..." While we deserve the pain, problems, and punishment as wages earned by our sin, we do not deserve or merit God's grace in any way. Eternal death in Hell is earned, but eternal life in Heaven is a gift of God. "For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ." (Rom. 5:17). Just as Adam gave us sin and death, even so faith in Jesus Christ gives us forgiveness of sins through His blood, imputed righteousness by His life, and eternal life by His resurrection.

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Jesus Christ, or "...through Jesus Christ our Lord." "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:36). "Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." As "Lord" He is our authority, our controller, our coming King. As "Jesus" He is our Savior as Matthew 1:21 says: "And thou shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." As Peter said in Acts 4:12: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." As "Christ" He is the anointed Messiah promised in the Old Testament.

This is the central story and meaning of Christmas: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." (2 Cor. 9:15). Do you know Him? Pastor "B"

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Heritage Baptist Pastor Eric Wagner 348-1411
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87TH DISTRICT COURT

Sentencings for November

2007

Hon. Monte J. Burmeister

Shawn Starr Case, age 44 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 13, 2007, for license suspended/revoke/allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$570 in fines.

Justin Michael McLoughlin, age 32 of Bay City - Sentenced on Nov. 13, 2007, for license suspended/revoke/allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$1,130 in fines; placed on probation for 182 days.

Margaret Elaine Dunklee, age 43 of Gaylord - Sentenced on Nov. 6, 2007, for attempted non-sufficient funds check over \$50 and under \$200; ordered to pay \$205 in fines.

Ann Marie Biernat, age 53 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 13, 2007, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to serve five days in jail; ordered to pay \$890 in fines; placed on probation for 182 days.

Donald Andrew Dutcher, age 37 of Charlevoix - Sentenced on Nov. 13, 2007, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$1,320 in fines; placed on probation for 182 days.

Cory George Klee, age 22 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 6, 2007, for controlled substance possession of marijuana and license suspended/revoke/allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$220 in fines.

allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve 30 days in jail; ordered to pay \$1,310 in fines; placed on probation for 182 days.

Andrew Vincent Ledesma, age 19 of Bay City - Sentenced on Nov. 20, 2007, for controlled substance possession of marijuana; ordered to serve 15 days in jail; ordered to pay \$1,130 in fines; placed on probation for 182 days.

Steven James Mayville, age 23 of Waterford - Sentenced on Nov. 13, 2007, for controlled substance possession of marijuana; ordered to serve five days in jail; ordered to pay \$770 in fines; placed on probation for 182 days.

Brandi Craig Duryea, age 26 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Nov. 14, 2007, for snowmobile operate suspended/revoke/allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$350 in fines; placed on probation for 61 days.

George David Roby, age 49 of Grayling - Sentenced on Nov. 27, 2007, for assault/assault and battery; ordered to pay \$600 in fines; placed on probation for 366 days.

Hon. John G. Hunter

Crystal Julie Houck, age 33 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Nov. 21, 2007, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$850 in fines or serve 85 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

Derek Mathew Wilder, age

ner) and activities:

Friday, Dec. 21 - Lunch - beef ravioli, tossed salad, broccoli and applesauce. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 12 p.m. Lovells Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, Dec. 24 - Closed Christmas.

Tuesday, Dec. 25 - Closed Christmas.

Wednesday, Dec. 26 - Lunch - sloppy Joe on a bun, cauliflower, mixed vegetables and mixed fruit. Dinner - salmon patty with cream sauce, peas and carrots, green beans and apple cake. 10 a.m. line dancing and tenant council meeting, 1 p.m. Kings and Queens, 2 p.m. pool league, 5:30 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

Thursday, Dec. 27 - Lunch - baked chicken, cheesy potato casserole, peas and an orange. Dinner - beef burritos, lettuce and tomatoes, mexican corn and peaches. 10 a.m. craft class, 12 p.m. Kiwanis meeting.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

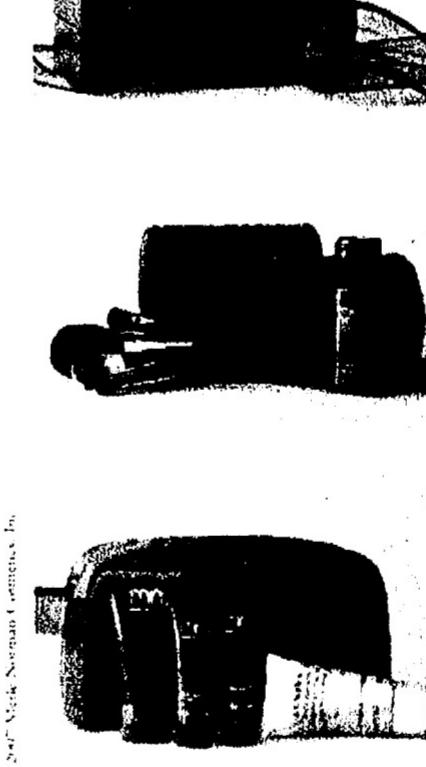
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Sunday night Christmas service to take place in historic church

On Sunday evening, Dec. 23, a very special church service will be held in the historic Stittsville Church, which is located at Wellington Farm Park, near Grayling on Military Road.

The service is open to all denominations and will be patterned after a typical Christmas Eve church service of 75 years ago.

The service will begin at 7 p.m., but those attending should plan extra time for the trip into the park.

No admission will be charged, however, there will be a free will offering taken during the service.

All monies derived will be dedicated to the continued restoration of the church.

The Stittsville Church was constructed in the community of Stittsville in the mid 1880s.

It served its community well for a century, but as the congregation

dwindled, there came a time when those attending could no longer maintain the building and it was abandoned.

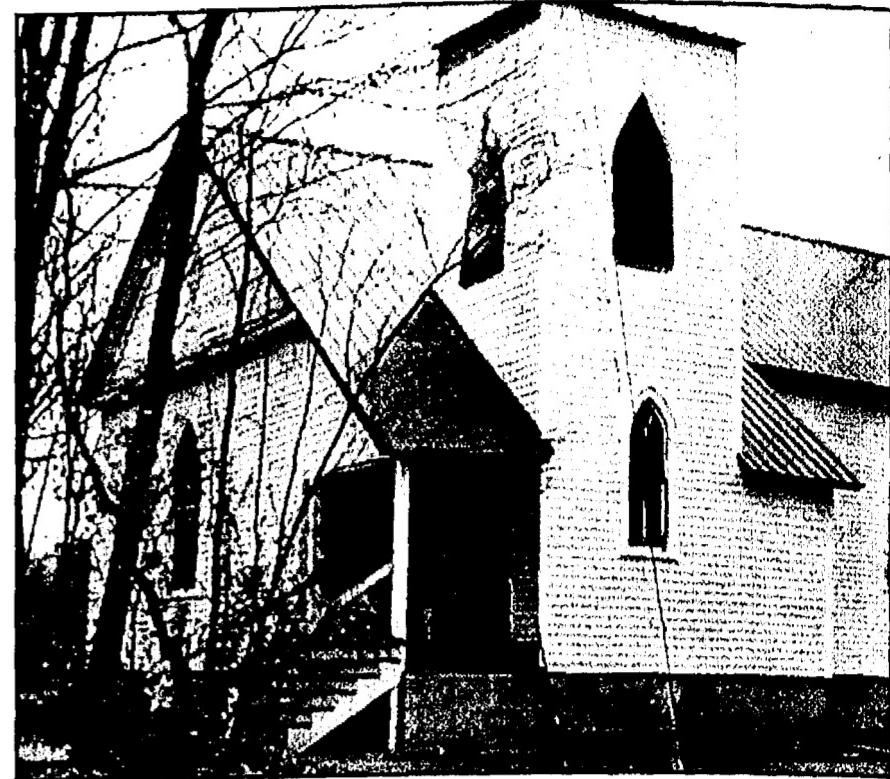
It became the property of Norwich Township and, in 2003, a decision was made to destroy the building.

Members of the old congregation asked the township to seek other alternatives and thus, in 2005, the historic building was moved to Wellington Farm Park, where it is being restored to its original 1880s appearance.

Much work has already been accomplished.

A momentous event will take place sometime during the 2008 season, when the remaining 28 feet of belltower, including the 1200 pound bell, will be hoisted into position atop the structure.

The church has been without a spire since the original one was removed in the 1950s during a



The Stittsville Church as it stands today at Wellington Farm Park.

remodeling project.

The Sunday evening service will provide community members

an opportunity to see the progress that has been made in the restoration of this historic building.

Playground planned at Hanson Hills

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The playground will feature state-of-the-art equipment including a bongo jungle climber, incline spider climber, twisted vine climber and a power pedler.

The roofs on the play decks will look like tree tops, and equipment will also include a log roller, hollow log slide and a hollow log climber to fit into the history of Hanson Hills and the logging heritage of the community.

"We wanted to make it look as rustic and natural as possible to fit in with our surroundings," Dunckel said.

The playground will replace the existing equipment at Hanson Hills.

"Most of the equipment we've actually taken out because it's just not safe for kids," Dunckel said.

The playground will be available to everyone in the community and for children of adults, and siblings of youth, who take part in the Grayling Recreation Authority's softball, soccer and

flag football leagues. In addition, a horseshoe league and adult flag football league are also being started at Hanson Hills.

Children who live in the Karen Woods, Sherwood Forest and Lake Margrethe Boulevard subdivisions would also be able to utilize the playground.

"For them to go to a park, they have to go all the way into town," Dunckel said. "There is a large concentration of kids out here, and we need a park that they can safely get to."

Dunckel took input from children while selecting the playground equipment. Miracle Recreation of Michigan, the same firm that supplied playground equipment for the Grayling Township Nature Park and the Beaver Creek Township Park, is the vendor for the equipment.

The first phase of the playground will cost about \$46,950.

The Grayling Youth Booster Club and Grayling Rotary Club have each given \$1,000 for the project. A \$2,500 grant was also received from the Great Lakes

Energy People Fund.

The Grayling Recreation Authority Board has pledged \$15,000 to develop the playground. Four by four bricks, which cost \$100, and eight by eight bricks, which cost \$200, are also being sold to help make the park a reality.

"The names of the donors will be put on the bricks for a path that will go through the park," Dunckel said.

A dance to raise funds will be held as part of Hanson Hills' Winter Fun Days, in the former archery building, on Saturday, Feb. 2. The dance will be open to middle school students from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. High school students will be able to attend the dance from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Hanson Hills will save about \$10,000 on the purchase and installation of the equipment, since Col. Dean Brown, the commander for Camp Grayling, has pledged equipment and troops to help assemble the playground.

"They have been very helpful," Dunckel said.

Dunckel hopes to have the playground project completed by June, in time for the day camp held at Hanson Hills.

A second phase for the playground project, estimated to cost \$39,200, will include an area for toddlers that will feature balance beams, spring riders, swing sets and an eight-foot rock wall. Picnic tables, grills and benches will also be added as part of the second phase of the project.

A third phase, estimated to cost \$65,000, will include construction of a picnic shelter and rest rooms.

Adding the playground is one of the initiatives that Hanson Hills is pursuing to encourage more people to utilize the recreation area.

"We do a pretty good job during the winter months, but we have not attracted the people like we would like during the summer, and this is one way to encourage that," said Chris Jones, chairman of the Grayling Recreation Authority Board of Directors.

City works on ordinance overhaul

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dramatic," Thayer said. "There are a lot of clarifications."

Many of the ordinances being updated were established by city officials in the 1940s and 1950s.

"This is something that should have happened long ago," Thayer said.

Last week, the Grayling City Council adopted a new ordinance regulating the use of city street right-of-ways, the area located underground and above ground along the side of streets. Thayer said that utility and communications companies want exclusive use of the right-of-ways to limit competition.

Under the ordinance, the city would have

discretion on the use of the right-of-ways and would not give exclusive use to a particular company.

"The city will regulate the rights-of-ways for the best interest of the citizens," Thayer said.

The city is paying \$7,310 to have the ordinances reviewed.

Gaylord man arrested after high speed chase

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in excess of 100 mph.

Swope activated his overhead lights and siren and attempted to stop the vehicle. Stafford attempted to flee on County Road 612, then doubled back and returned to northbound I-75.

Stafford then attempted to leave the inter-

state at the Waters exit in Otsego County, lost control while trying to negotiate a curve and went into the ditch.

The total pursuit covered 20 miles and lasted 11 minutes.

Stafford was arrested and transported to the Crawford County Jail on charges of fleeing and eluding, possession of narcotics, reckless

driving and speeding.

Swope was assisted by officers from the Grayling Police Department, Gaylord Police Department, Otsego County Sheriff's Office, troopers from the Gaylord Post of the Michigan State Police and a Department of Natural Resources conservation officer.

City housing commission to take on expanded role

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around," Thayer said. "These are old properties that, due to a lack of attention, continue to be used and continue to be rented."

The changes for the housing commission's

role are being prompted by an update of the city's master plan and zoning, which is being completed by the Grayling City Planning Commission.

Improving the quality of housing is some-

thing planners would like to see, but they can only deal with zoning and planning issues.

"They can set the stage for changes, but they can't be the real player," Thayer said.

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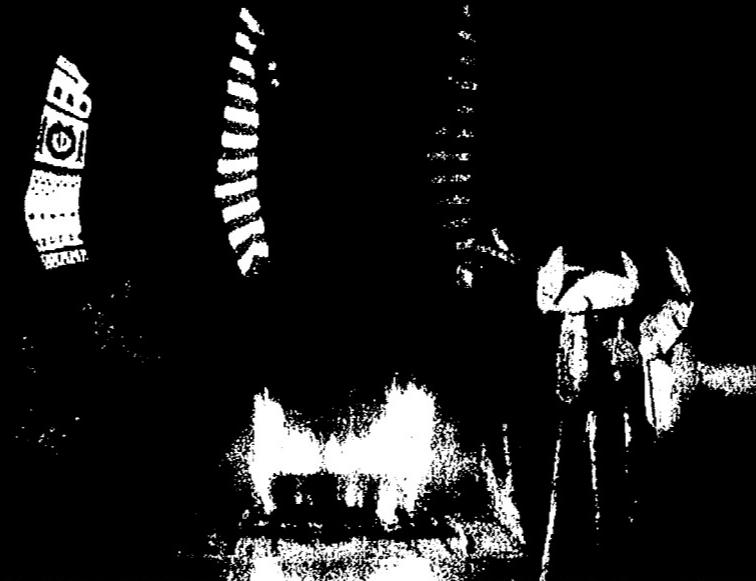
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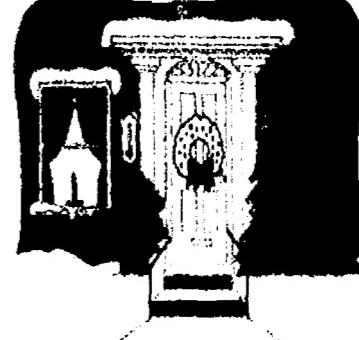


Here's To Our Good Friends

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City officials study parking ticket hike

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City officials may put the chill on people's pocketbooks in an attempt to enforce winter parking regulations.

The City of Grayling's parking ordinance prohibits on street parking between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m., in order to give Department of Public Works employees time to adequately plow the city streets.

If someone leaves their vehicle

on the street during the early morning hours, it prevents that area from being plowed, and also prohibits use of the surrounding parking spaces, especially in the downtown business district.

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner notified city residents that officers would begin enforcing the ordinance on Nov. 19.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said officers have issued several tickets in an attempt to get people to follow the rules. But,

upon reviewing the city's civil infraction codes, Thayer said he learned that the fine for violating the ordinance is only \$5.

The Grayling City Council directed Thayer to review the city's civil infractions to determine if the fees need to be hiked.

"Tickets have to be meaningful, so we can get people to follow the rules," Thayer said. "The winter weather is here, it's here to stay, and we're going to get a lot more of it."

LIBRARY NEWS

The Frederic Community Library will sponsor a make your own 2008 calendar, and hear stories about New Year's traditions, on Saturday, Dec. 29 at 11 a.m. Call Connie Meyer for more information, or to sign up, at 989-348-4067.

The Crawford County Library Literary (CCLL) Book Club is reading "Deception Point" by Dan Brown for January. The book club meets at the Devereaux Memorial Library the last Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. Interested patrons can join in on Jan. 29 for a lively discussion and light refreshments. If you have any questions, call 348-

9214.

A Dance Dance Revolution party is coming to the Devereaux Memorial Library in January. For those of you not familiar with this interactive game by Nintendo, one or two players pick a character and song and battle it out on the dance mat. There is also a karaoke microphone for those daring enough to try both. The suggested age for

this game is 10 years and up, so we are looking to attract some older children and teens. Also, coming in January, will be a kid's cooking program called "Play With Your Food," and a sock monkey sewing event called "Sock it to Me." Sign up sheets will be available at the Devereaux Memorial Library after the first of the year, and for questions, call Jane at 348-9214.



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OBITUARIES

Helen L. Crawford Jan. 10, 1934 - Dec. 15, 2007

Helen Louise Crawford, 73, of Grayling, passed away peacefully at the home of her son, Bob Shepherd in Traverse City, on December 15, 2007.

She was born in Grayling, on January 10, 1934, to Harry W. and Edris E. (Pease) Sorenson.

She married Lloyd Crawford on July 15, 1960. He was the joy of her life, as were her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She enjoyed shooting tournament archery, with her husband and friends, during her many years of employment at Bear Archery. Then she moved on to Crawford AuSable Schools for 10 years, retiring from there in 1995.

She and Lloyd traveled extensively all over the country, including a 1,300 mile motorcycle trip around the perimeter of Lake Superior. Her love for nature and wildlife continued through the years, as she and Lloyd resided on the banks of the AuSable, creating many great family memories, while canoeing and kayaking adventures ensued on the AuSable and north branch. She and Lloyd left miles of worn shoe leather during their daily walking routes together in and around town.

Her generous and serving nature was a blessing, as reflected by the numerous family dinners that she loved to host. She was highly resourceful, organized and believed in the principle to make it last, wear it out and use it up. She had an enormous talent for teaching that something amazing could be made out of the simplest ingredients. Her compassion to "root for the underdog" was also exhibited in her daily life.

She is survived by her children: Terry (Penny) Shepherd, Gary Shepherd, David Shepherd all of Grayling, Bob (Gen) Shepherd, Becky (David) Crawford of Traverse City; siblings: Sandra (Joe) Lowe of Traverse City, James Sorenson of Lovells, Nancy (David) Niederer; sister-in-laws, Dorothy and Joyce Sorenson of Grayling; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Ed (Marge) Sorenson, Don Sorenson and Lewis Sorenson.

No services are planned at this time. A private service will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Ernest Nye Oct. 19, 1931 - Dec. 11, 2007

Ernest "Ernie" Peter Marshall Nye, 76, of Roscommon, passed away on December 11, 2007.

He was born in Kalamazoo, on October 19, 1931, to George Howard and Edith Rowena (Plantz) Nye.

He married Mary Louise Carlson on September 26, 1959, in Roscommon.

He had lived in the Higgins Lake area since 1945, moving from Delton.

He attended W.K. Kellogg School in Delton, from kindergarten through the eighth grade, and graduated from Frederic High School in 1951. He lived and worked on a farm from age 11 - 14. He grew and picked pickles, cut and husked corn, harvested navy beans, milked cows, used horses for farming and trapped, cleaned and sorted muskrats.

In 1945, he moved to the north end of Higgins Lake in Crawford County. He worked in the woods cutting pulp and logs using swede saws. He became part of the Skyline Ski and Country Club while still in high school in 1948, worked from part-time to manager in 1972, became majority shareholder in 1976 and operated the business until it was sold in January of 1999.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, Grayling. He had been a Mason for over 50 years. He was a past member of the Roscommon Masonic Lodge and the Grayling Masonic Lodge. He was president of the Frederic Alumni. He led the Wednesday Bible study at the Crawford County Jail for the last seven years and he loved being outdoors.

He is survived by his wife Mary Lou; children, Carol (Bruce) Boyd of Saginaw, David Nye of Grayling; grandchildren, Jessie Boyd of Saginaw, Danny Boyd of Louisville, Ky.; brothers, Harlan Flutel (Nyla) Nye, Kenneth (Emily) Nye, both of Hastings; sister-in-law, Fern Nye of Mo.; brother-in-law, Don (Norma) Holmes of Fla.; cousins, nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on December 15, at Calvary Baptist Church, Grayling, with Pastor Dr. Robert J. Barnett officiating.

Interment was at Gerrish Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 6504 W. M-72, Grayling, MI 49838 or Heartland Hospice, P.O. Box 667, West Branch, MI 48661. Arrangements made by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

Thomas R. Stancil

A funeral service will be held on December 22, at 11 a.m., at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

Gertrude P. Schlermitzauer Nov. 30, 1920 - Nov. 25, 2007

Gertrude (Trude) Pauline Schlermitzauer, 86, passed away on November 25, 2007.

She was born in Negauke, on November 30, 1920, to Victor and Matilda Siltala.

She was known as Trude, Momma or simply Grandma to those who loved her.

She married Richard F. Schlermitzauer in 1943, and cherished him throughout their nearly fifty years of marriage.

Together they owned and managed Frank's 5¢ to \$1 store in Lowell, until retiring in 1975. At that time, they moved to their cabin in the sanctuary of the AuSable River in Grayling.

In 1945, Trude's father-in-law first introduced her to the art of target shooting. Due to her Finnish heritage of determination and tenacity, she excelled. She became the first civilian woman to represent the United States at the 38th World Pistol Championships held in Cairo, Egypt in 1962, where she won a bronze medal. Her medal is on display at the National Firearms Museum in Fairfax, Va. At that time, she was one of only two women to hold the International Distinguished Gold Badge for Pistol in the United States. In addition, she was the National Women's Pistol Champion in 1965, 1968 and 1969. In recognition of these accomplishments, she appeared in the popular TV show "To Tell The Truth" in New York City.

She was an honest, faithful and kind person who never had a bad thing to say about anyone. She always tried to do the right thing. Her example of quiet faith, humbleness, generosity and forgiveness is an inspiration to her family and friends.

Although she is now no longer with us, her legacy of love will bless many generations to come."

Her children and grandchildren held a special place in her heart, and she greatly enjoyed spending time with all of them.

She is survived by three children: Jo Ann (Mike) Bousquet, Veronica Lee (Roger) Odell, Dan William (Debby) Schlermitzauer; five grandchildren: Megan Odell, Ryan Odell, Angela (Schlermitzauer) and Joe Kerr, Jordan Ann Small, Dana (Schlermitzauer) and Terry Hendren; five great-grandchildren, including a set of twins: Jacob Kerr, Aaron Kerr and Eden Kerr, Terra Hendren and Lydia Hendren.

A memorial service will be held on January 12, 2008, at 11 a.m., at Vergennes United Methodist Church, Vergennes Township, Lowell.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made, in her name, to the USA Shooting Team, 1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909.

Arrangements made by Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell.

Edith M. Lovely Feb. 14, 1920 - Dec. 15, 2007

Edith Mae Lovely, of Grayling, went home to be with the Lord on December 15, 2007.

She was born in Crawford County, on February 14, 1920, to Emil and Eva (Kestenholz) Golnick.

She attended school in Roscommon and Grayling, graduating from Roscommon High School.

She married Leo E. Lovely on June 18, 1938, and they were blessed with 69 years of marriage.

During World War II, they lived in San Francisco, then returned to Grayling to be near their family and friends.

She was well known in the community, during her lifetime, as a devoted mother. She was active in St. Mary's Parish, serving in many capacities and volunteering her services as needed.

She was the director of the Crawford County Selective Service Board and one of her duties was to register the draftees, and with a heavy heart, accompany young men to the bus station on their way to active duty. Before retirement, she also worked at the Crawford County Health Department and could often be found assisting her husband, Leo, in the County Clerk's office.

She had a great sense of humor and compassion of others, using both to encourage and comfort. She lived her life loving her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She will be remembered for her kind, generous and giving nature.

She is survived by her husband, Leo; children: Julie Ward of San Diego, Calif., Michael (Kathy) Lovely, Kim Lovely, Mary Ruth (Allen) Lowe, David (Carol) Lovely all of Grayling, Marcia (David) Etters of Jackson; grandchildren: Corinna Coram, Gil Ward, Mick Lovely, Dustin Lovely, Suzan Beattie, Kimberly Lovely, Todd Lovely, Amy Jo Anthony, Nicholas and Darcie Lovely, Phil, Kyrsta, Benjamin, Nathan and Lucas Lowe, James, Sarah and Julie Etters, Angeline (Lovely) Zelek, Jonathan Lovely, Adam and Matt Birk; great-grandchildren: Cathrine, Corinna Carston, Caitlyn Coram, Ashton and Parker Ward, Megan and Kaitlin Lovely, Alex Coatney, Ethan Beattie, HallieJane Lovely, Marshall Anthony, Isabel and Jackson Lowe, Cami Leray, Jacob and Caleb Lowe.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three infant children and two grandchildren.

A celebration of her life was held on December 18, at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Interment will be in the spring.

Memorials may be designated to St. Mary's Building Fund.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

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Memorials may be made to the USA Shooting Team, 1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909.

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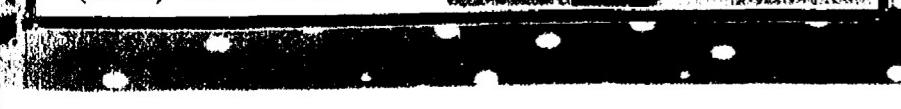
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Henry J. Canfield

June 2, 1936 - Dec. 10, 2007

Henry J. (Bob) Canfield, 71,
of Saginaw, passed away on
December 10, 2007.

He was born in Grayling, on
June 2, 1936, to the late Wesley
and Pansy (Brown) Canfield.

He married Fern D. Beraneck
on July 2, 1955, in Saginaw.

Prior to his retirement, he was
employed at Carling Brewery and
G. Heilman Brewery in
Frankenmuth for 32 years.

He enjoyed bowling, golfing,
playing cards and woodworking.
He was a member of
Immanuel Lutheran Church of
Frankenmuth.

He is survived by his wife
Fern; children: John Canfield,
Gale Riselay, both of Saginaw;
grandchildren, Tara Yaklin,
Matthew Canfield; great-grand-
daughter, Alina; three sisters:
Irene Moore of Rockwood,
Joyce McMahon of Fla., Helen
(Mike) Dietrich of Penn.; many
cousins, nieces, nephews and
friends.

He was preceded in death by
three brothers: Donald, Roy and
William Canfield; and grandson,
Bradley Hoadley.

A funeral service was held on
December 14, at Immanuel
Lutheran Church of
Frankenmuth, Saginaw, with
Rev. Mark A. Loest officiating.

Interment was at Roselawn
Memorial Gardens, Saginaw.

Memorials may be made to
Immanuel Lutheran Church of
Frankenmuth, 8220 E. Holland
Road, Saginaw, MI 48601.

Condolences may be sent to
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Home, Inc., Saginaw.

Daniel D. Biddle

Dec. 9, 1946 - Dec. 15, 2007

Daniel Dale Biddle, 61, of
Grayling, passed away at home
after a lengthy illness on
December 15, 2007.

He was born in Cabot
Arkansas, on December 9,
1946, to Cecil and Lena Biddle.

He married Diana Wilcox on
July 1, 1995, in St. Johns, Mo.,
and they later moved to
Grayling.

He worked in various restaurants
as a cook. He enjoyed cooking,
fishing, playing cards
and dominos.

He is survived by his wife
Diana; brother, Robert (Betty)
Biddle of Virginia Beach, Va.;
sisters, Barbara (Paul) Minarik
of St. Johns and Joanne Ocko of
Engadine.

A memorial service will be
held on Thursday, December
20, at 1 p.m., at the senior citizen
center in Grayling.

Memorials may be made to
the family. Arrangements made
by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral
Home.

Eva M. Edwards

March 18, 1921 - Dec. 16, 2007

Eva Marie Edwards, 86, of
Grayling, formerly of
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GHS varsity girls basketball squad falls to Trojans, Rayders in home games last week

The Vikings of Grayling High School had a one-point lead with 13 seconds remaining in last Tuesday's varsity girls basketball game vs. the visiting Lake City Trojans, but Lake

City hit a three-pointer in the final seconds to win 45-43.

The Trojans led 12-8 after one quarter. Grayling trailed 18-15 at halftime. Lake City scored a three-point shot late in the third quarter to take a three-point lead into the fourth period, 31-28.

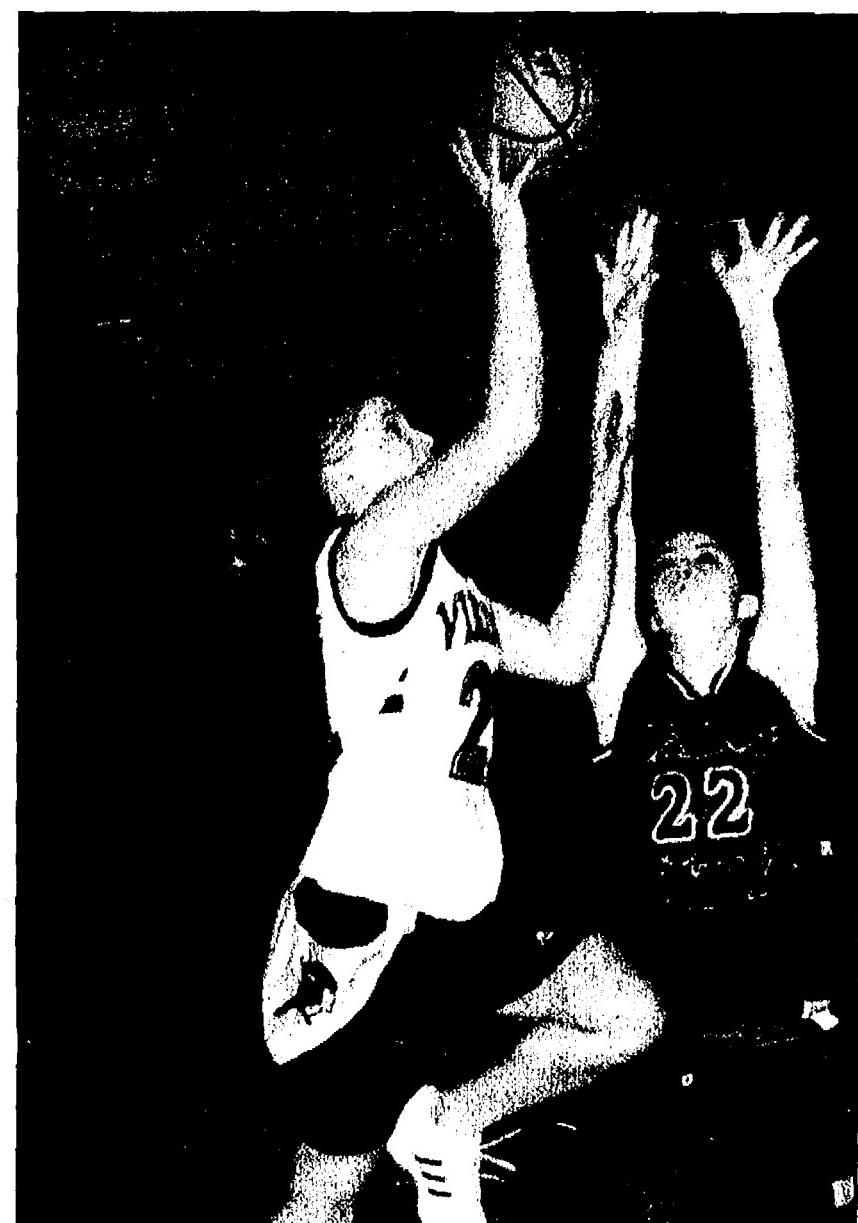
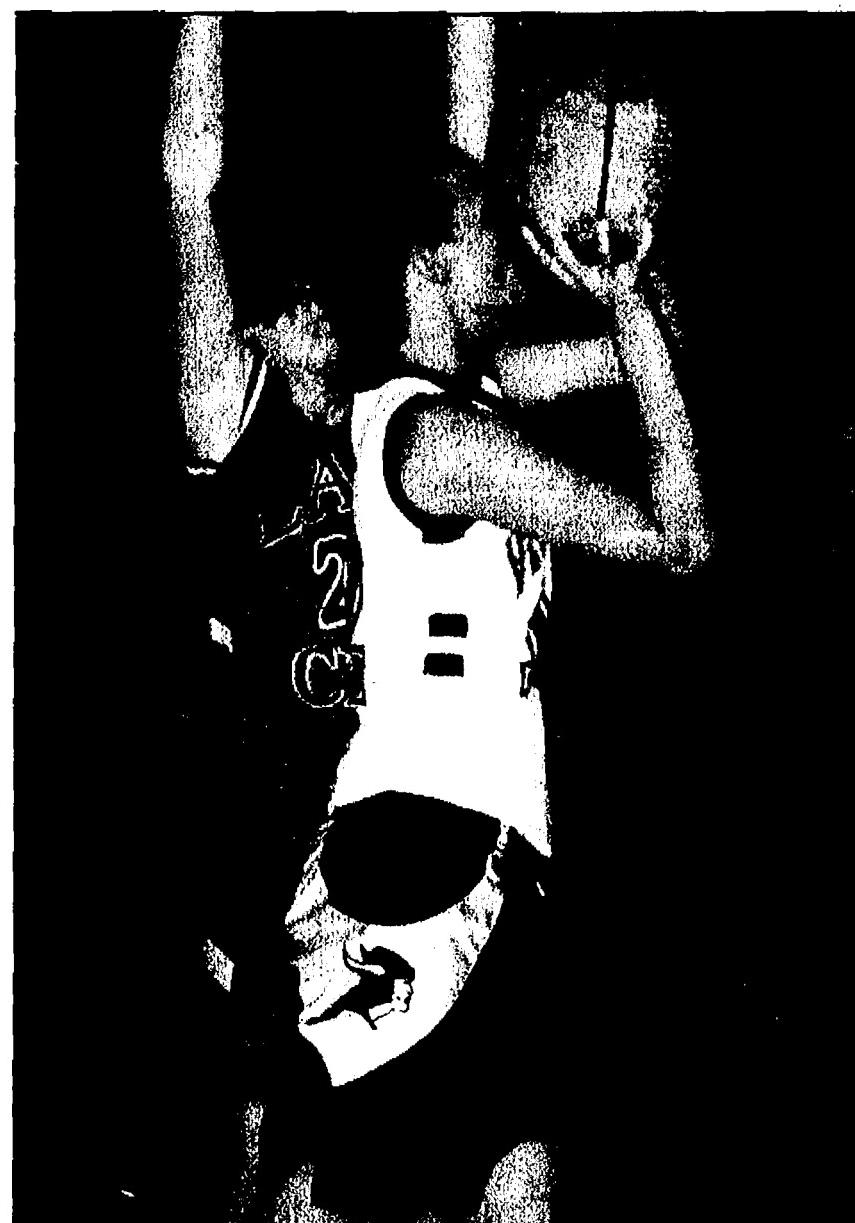
Grayling scored the first basket of the fourth quarter - a

drive by Jessica Bindschadler - to pull within one. A jump shot and two free throws gave Lake City a 35-30 advantage. An inside shot by Laura Boylan cut Lake City's lead to three. The Trojans scored three points on a basket and a free throw to lead 38-32.

A 5-0 run by Grayling that included two baskets by

Boylan and a free throw by Annie Melroy pulled the Vikings within one, 38-37. Two free throws by the Trojans extended their lead back to three. Free throws by Melroy and Samantha Schreiber cut Lake City's lead to one, 40-39, with 1:28 left in regulation.

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Ashley Feldhauser, left, drives to the basket for GHS during the fourth quarter of last Tuesday's home game against Lake City. Annie Melroy, right, shoots a lay-up for the Vikings on Tuesday.

Photos by Caleb Casey

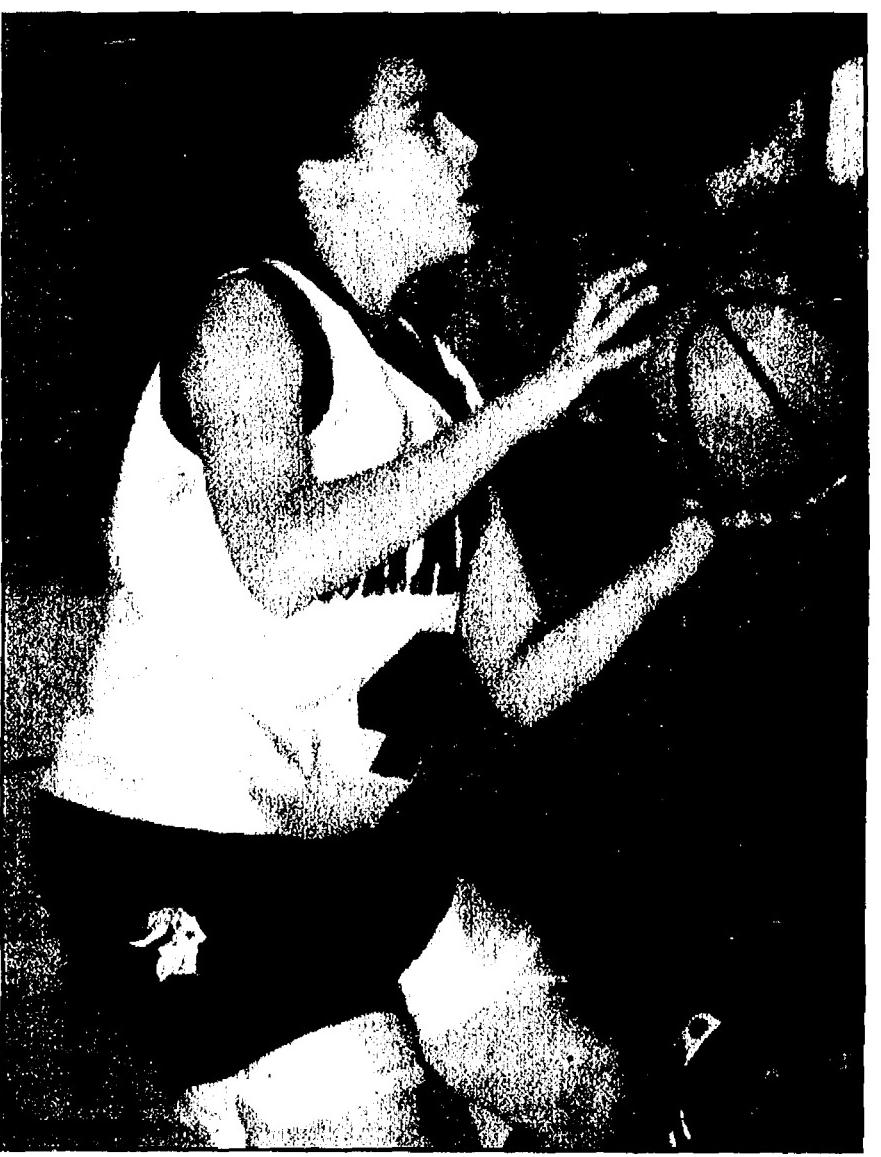
JV Vikings win 47-39 vs. Lake City

Basketball squad defeats Trojans on Tuesday, falls to Rayders on Friday

The Grayling High School JV girls basketball team defeated the visiting Lake City Trojans 47-39 last Tuesday at GHS.

Grayling led 7-6 after one quarter. The Vikings had a two-point edge at halftime, 22-20. Grayling took a 34-28 advantage into the fourth period and won the game by eight points.

"The girls played a lot more consistently, which kept them in the game early and later allowed us to take the lead before halftime, which was a big mental boost. We won each Continued on Page 3B
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Teresa Schreiber controls the ball for the JV Vikings on Tuesday night.

Photo by Caleb Casey

Varsity squad falls to Blue Devils 66-51

Vikings lose to Charlevoix 77-44 in first conference game of the season

The GHS varsity boys basketball team lost games against the Gaylord Blue Devils and Charlevoix Rayders last week.

On Monday night, the Vikings fell to the Blue Devils 66-51 at Gaylord High School.

Gaylord had a 31-9 lead after one quarter of play. The Vikings cut Gaylord's lead to seven by halftime, 39-32.

"We played our best basketball of the season from the end of the first quarter to halftime. Our defensive pressure was outstanding. We forced turnovers and did an outstanding job of running our transition offense," Coach Rich

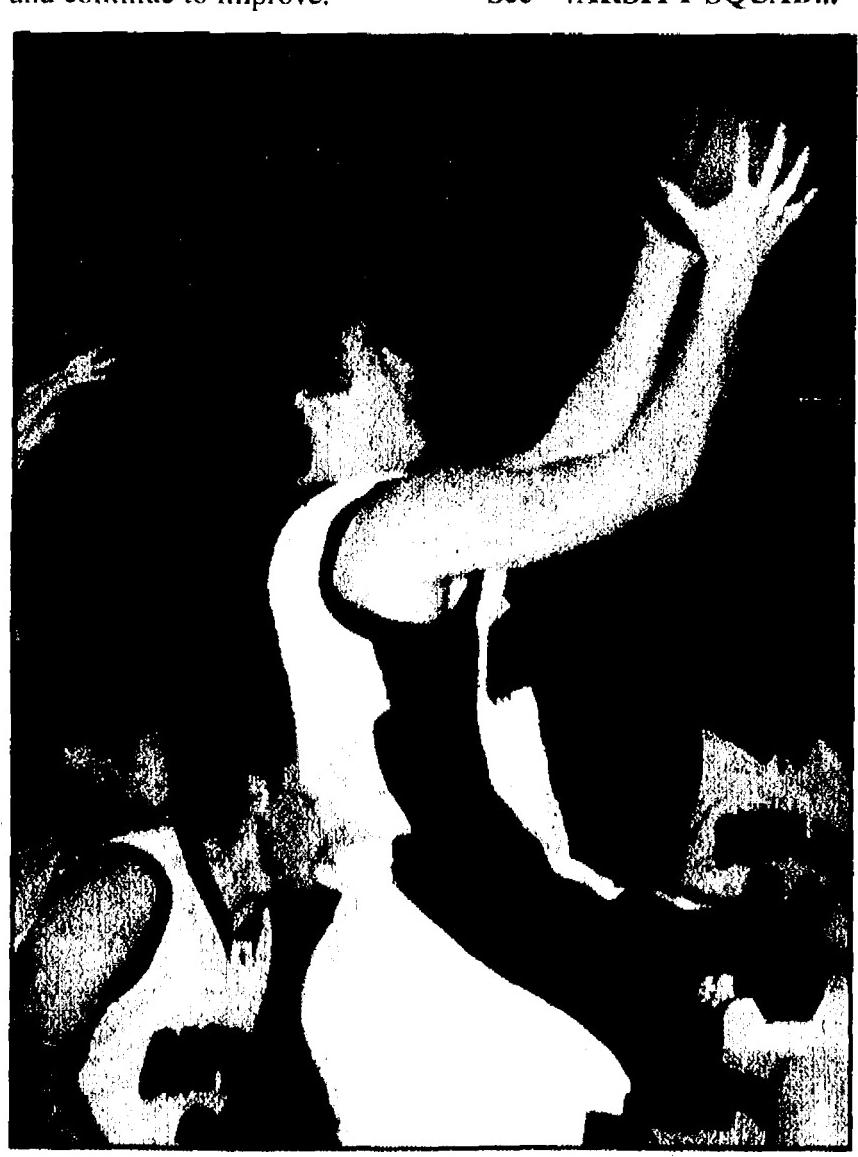
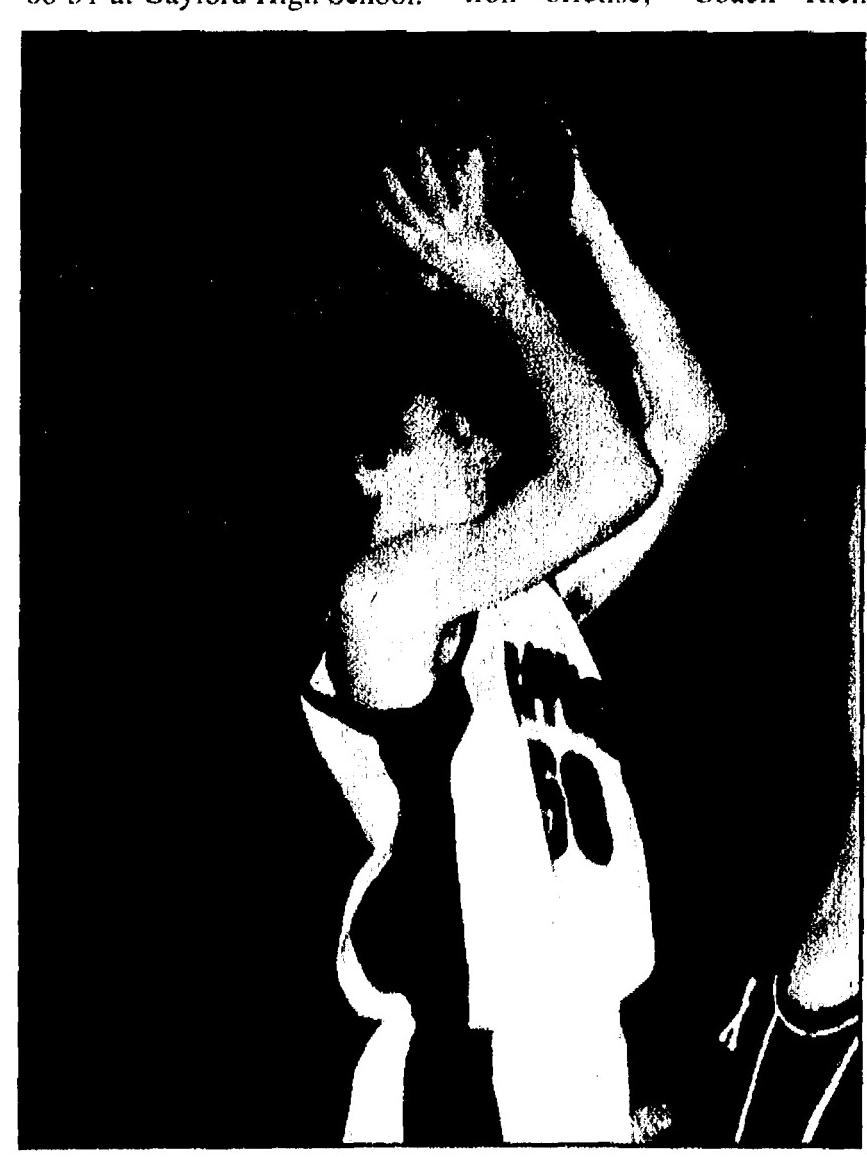
Moffit said.

The Blue Devils outscored Grayling 23-12 in the third quarter and had a 62-44 advantage going into the fourth period.

"The third quarter was a real downfall to us - missed opportunities and slow defensive rotations," Coach Moffit said. "We will learn from this game and continue to improve."

Twelve Vikings scored points in the contest: Richard Schreiber (15), Josh Stapleton (9), Spencer Dean (6), Rocky McNamara (4), Ryan Foguth (3), Jacob Aubry (2), Trent Larm (2), Jason Drudge (2), Matt McDonald (2), Ross Teeple (2), Tyler Steffey (2), and Alex Gabriel (1).

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Tyler Steffey, left, and Eric Ferrigan, right, shoot the ball for the Vikings during last Thursday's home game against the Charlevoix Rayders.

Photos by Caleb Casey

JV boys basketball team defeats Rayders 75-70

Grayling wins home game vs. Charlevoix, loses game on the road at Gaylord

Grayling High School's junior varsity boys basketball squad jumped out to a 23-8 lead after one quarter, had a nine-point advantage going into the fourth period, and held on for a 75-70 victory over the Charlevoix Rayders last Friday at GHS.

Joe Tottingham had 27 points

for the Vikings and Colin Hamlin added 21 points. Tyler Hanson scored 10 points. Josh Johnson (5), Carl Gaff (4), and Taylor DesEnfants (2) also scored points for the Vikings.

"The team played an outstanding game and learned from their previous loss," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "We jumped out to an early 23-8 lead in the first quarter because we attacked the basket and played Continued on Page 4B
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Tyler Hanson handles the ball for Grayling at Gaylord on Monday night.

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Late three-pointer wins game for Lake City, 45-43

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With 47 seconds remaining, Boylan scored an inside shot to give Grayling a one-point lead. Lake City answered with a jump shot to put the Trojans ahead by one. With 13 seconds remaining in regulation, Ashley Feldhauser drove to the basket and scored, giving the Vikings a 43-42 lead.

Lake City called time-out with seven seconds left in the fourth quarter. The Trojans hit a three-point shot with two seconds remaining to take a 45-43 lead. Grayling turned the ball over on the in-bounds play while trying to convert a long pass. Lake City held on for the two-point win.

"We were right where we needed to be -- up by one point with seven seconds left -- and Lake City nailed a three-pointer," Coach Kelly Sheehan said. "We played our best game of the season so far. We dominated the boards with a team-high 49 rebounds."

Boylan shot 12 for 19 from the

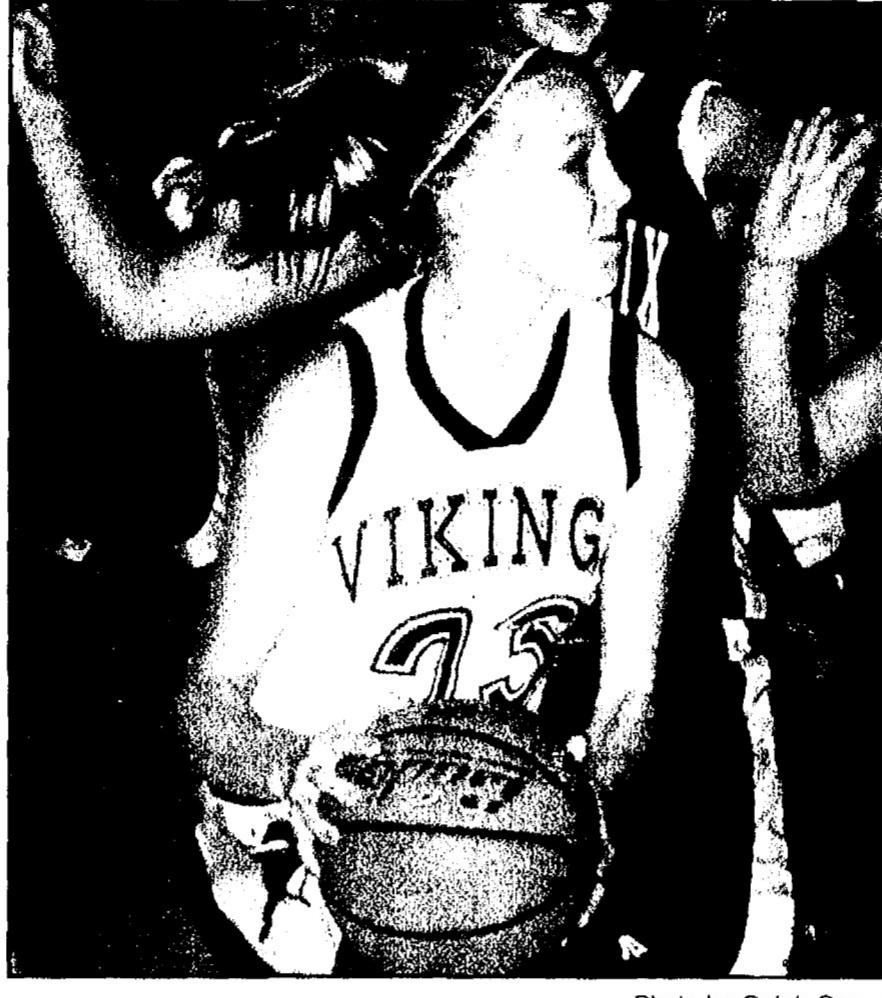
field for 24 points and added 9 rebounds and 7 blocks. Jessie Baker had 7 points. Melroy had 9 rebounds and Feldhauser had 7 rebounds.

On Friday night, the Vikings lost a league game against the Charlevoix Rayders 65-19 at Grayling High School.

"The first quarter we played them tough. After that, they continued to score and we missed several opportunities. As a team, we will continue to work on our shooting percentage. Once we can sink easier shots we will be in most games to the end," Coach Sheehan said. "Each game I do see improvements."

Boylan had 8 points, 9 rebounds, and 4 blocks. Rachel Doremire had 6 points, including a 4 for 5 performance at the free-throw line. Feldhauser had 5 rebounds and Schreiber had 2 steals. Bindschatel was 2 for 2 at the free-throw line.

The Vikings (0-6) will play at Elk Rapids on Friday, Dec. 21.



Rachel Doremire controls the ball for the Vikings on Friday night vs. Charlevoix.

JV Vikings win 47-39 vs. Lake City

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quarter, but in the first two we had to fight back to take the lead, which showed these girls have a lot of heart," Coach Craig Hofman said. "Our guards saw the floor a lot better and we only had 16 turnovers. That is still a lot, but we cut it in about half. Our shooting improved a little, but not turning the ball over as much cut down on Lake City's opportunities. Better defensive play also led to the victory. We forced Lake City to take some tough shots. They hit some of them, but our rebounding was solid and did not give up second shot opportunities."

"With only seven girls available for the game, we unfortunately had two players foul out with about four minutes left. The five girls on the floor did a very nice job of controlling the game. Jessica Zarnick played tough defense and took charge of the ball in the last four minutes.

Kirstie Wakeley had an outstanding game all around and Haley Wiseman really came out of her shell and played with great enthusiasm. All of the girls played a great game."

"The consistency on offense and defense kept us in a flow. We did not go through a low period and then a high. The team kept the game and themselves on an even plane, which allowed us to handle Lake City's high point and take advantage of their low points," Coach Hofman said. "Our free throw shooting improved and made a huge difference in the scoring. Kirstie Wakeley was 11 of 14."

On Friday night, the Vikings lost to the Charlevoix Rayders 76-19 at GHS.

Leading scorers for the Vikings were Wiseman (7 points), Zarnick (4 points), and Harwood (4 points).

"Charlevoix has a very good offensive team. They shot the

ball very well from outside and dominated us on the boards and got way too many second and third opportunities. They played a very good game and we did not. We struggled after the first quarter, turning the ball over on basic passes and dribbling. Again we regressed for a period of time and the Rayders took advantage of that and outscored us 24-5 in the second quarter," Coach Hofman said. "I felt the girls broke the press very well at times, but we could not capitalize on those fast break opportunities. We fell apart even more rebounding. Their size hurt us, but we did not show any enthusiasm in blocking out. This was the first time I felt the team got discouraged and did not play with their whole heart. We again got into some foul trouble and had girls playing out of position to make up for it. We have to be more disciplined on both ends of the floor and we have to react and make

passes and plays when they are available."

"The girls need to play basketball and learn what to do in all situations. We can't have players making the same mistakes over and over again. They need to start taking what they have learned and producing on a more consistent basis. We are not a big team and we need to play aggressively, and that is my job to get them to do that all the time," Coach Hofman said.

Grayling (1-5) will play at Elk Rapids on Friday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m.

9th graders fall to Rayders 53-29



Photos by Caleb Casey

Shalee Miller, left, and Abbey Thomas, right, handle the ball for Grayling's freshman girls basketball team during the squad's game vs. the Charlevoix Rayders last Friday at Grayling Middle School. Charlevoix won the contest 53-29.

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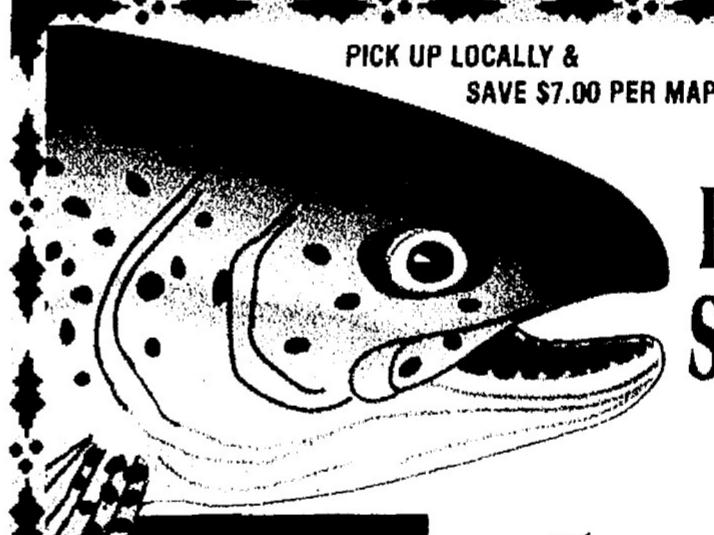
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Faustman Insurance	3 - 4

exceptions to this Ordinance will be considered on a case by case basis. Ayes: All. Passed.

Motion by Luck, and seconded by Kozlowski, to review the placement of monuments and corners in the AuSable Ridge Plat by Kozlowski and Phil Verdui, or another designer along with Russ Cavanaugh. Based on the Township signing off on the placement, the bond, in the amount of \$4,900.00, held by South Branch Township, will be released to North Central Survey, Inc. Ayes: All. Passed.

No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

**CHARTER
TOWNSHIP OF
GRAYLING
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2007**

Members Present: Dennis Long, Shawn Krayes, Cindy Olson, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright

Members Absent: Two vacant positions

Others Present Gaila Gilliland (CCEDP), Troy Shonk (USDA)

Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

1. Correspondence (No action required) E-911 Report for October, Recycling Report for September, Ordinance Enforcement Report for October,

Building permit List for October.

2. Motion by Long, second by Olson to approve minutes of October 16, 2007 regular meeting as presented. Ayes: five; Nays: none; Absent: two vacant positions. Motion carried.

3. Motion by Long, second by Olson, to approve minutes of October 16, 2007 special meeting as presented. Ayes: five; Nays: none; Absent: two vacant positions. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report for October was distributed and placed on file.

5. There were no citizens who wished to speak.

6. Motion by Long, second by Krayes, to approve the request to split Lot 27 of Meadowbrook Manor Subdivision and combine the North one-half with Lot 26 and the South one-half with Lot 28. The split complies with the Grayling Township Lot Division Ordinance. Parcels affected are 040-045-520-026-00 and 027-00. Ayes: five; Nays: none; Absent: two vacant positions. Motion carried.

7. Motion by Long, second by Krayes, to table request to abandon a portion of North Portage Avenue until a plan for easement to Wilcox property is provided.

Ayes: five; Nays: none; Absent: two vacant positions. Motion carried.

8. Motion by Long, second by Krayes, to appoint Wade-Trim as township engineering/consulting firm to be used at the direction of the total Township Board using rates provided with the proposal.

Ayes: five; Nays: none; Absent: two vacant positions. Motion carried.

9. Motion by Long, second by Krayes, to refund \$100.00 to Scott McClain for a cancelled site plan review as no township funds were expended prior to the cancellation. Ayes: five; Nays: none; Absent: two vacant positions. Motion carried.

10. Motion by Long, second by Krayes, that the Grayling Township Board has no objections to the request by the Grayling Fire Fighter's Association to use the fire station for meetings and functions. Ayes: five; Nays: none; Absent: two vacant positions. Motion carried.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on January 23, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Crawford County, Michigan and described as:

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the

Grayling Youth Juniors

Gutter Girls	18.5 - 5.5
Strikers	15 - 9
Legion Ladies	13 - 11
Pin Heads	11 - 13
Three Strikes	6.5 - 17.5
High Series Boys: W. Corbin and E. Connoy, 230; A. Brill, 202. High Game Boys: E. Cannoy, 138; W. Corbin, 125; A. Perrin, 109. High Series Girls: M. Malm, 194; B. Johnston and C. Prosser, 172.	

Grayling Youth Seniors

Team 2	17 - 7
Team 3	13 - 7
Team 5	11 - 5
Team 4	10 - 14
Team 1	9 - 11

Sunday Mixed Doubles

Pittman Bld.	2 - 5
Continental Rental	0 - 7
Legion Lanes	0 - 7
High Series: J. Thayer, 669; C. Brill, 665; P. Benardo, Sr., 606. High Game: D. Lawe, 245; C. Brill, 238; J. Thayer, 234.	

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Janet L. Berry, and Donald S. Berry, Wife and Husband, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 23, 2006, and recorded on November 3, 2006 in Liber 684 on Page 25, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Twenty And 38/100 Dollars (\$86,020.38), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 23, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 5 North park Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, page 74, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 20, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC D 248.593.1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
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31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #178103F01

-20-27-3-10

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elmer Curns, Jr., a single man, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated December 9, 2005 and recorded December 14, 2005 in Liber 678, Page 986, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Six and 67/100 Dollars (\$102,456.67) including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 9, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel A: Part of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 2; thence North 89 Degrees 25 Minutes 12 Seconds East, along the North Section line, 969.18 feet (Recorded as 967.55 feet) to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said North 89 Degrees 25 Minutes 12 Seconds East, 352.87 feet (Recorded as 353.65 feet) to the West one-eighth of said Section; thence along said West one-eighth line, South 01 Degrees 03 Minutes 55 Seconds West, 46.19 feet to the Southerly right of way of May Lake Road; thence continuing South 01 Degrees 03 Minutes 55 Seconds West, 333.64 feet; thence North 08 Degrees 58 Minutes 01 Seconds West, 176.11 feet to the Easterly right of way of Chickasaw Trail; thence 185.92 feet along said Easterly right of way of Chickasaw Trail on the arc of a 238.38 foot radius curve to the left, said curve having a chord of North 42 Degrees 24 Minutes 10 Seconds West 181.25 feet; thence 82.05 feet along said Easterly right of way on the arc of a

Parcel F: Part of the North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter, Section 7, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 7; thence 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 40 Seconds East on Section line 694.70 feet for the point of beginning; thence 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 40 Seconds East 347.35 Feet; thence South 88 Degrees 53

Minutes 49 Seconds West 1301.26 Feet to the Easterly line of the Highway 1-75; thence Southwesterly along the arc of 5614.65 Foot radius curve to the Left 20.34 feet, the long chord of which bears South 16 Degrees 37 Minutes West 20.34 Feet, thence South 00 Degrees 36 Minutes 45 Seconds East 319.80 Feet; thence North 89 Degrees 15 Minutes 20 Seconds East 1303.6 Feet to the point of beginning; being part of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 7, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: December 6, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 221.6364
-6-13-20-27

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Floyd P. Farnsworth, II and Erika L. Farnsworth, husband and wife, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 23, 2007 and recorded May 31, 2007 in Liber 687, Page 98, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2007-OPT3, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-OPT3 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Five and 75/100 Dollars (\$187,705.75) including interest at 9.45% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 9, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

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Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Block 19, of Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 02, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 5, 2007
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eric J. Felix and Kelly V. Felix, husband and wife as joint tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 23, 2004, and recorded on December 6, 2004 in Liber 672 on Page 757, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Five And 58/100 Dollars (\$69,375.58), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 9, 2008.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth M. Smith, A Single Man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns., Mortgagee, dated August 10, 2005, and recorded on August 19, 2005, in Liber 676, on Page 910, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$153,240.39), including interest at 6.00% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 16, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 14, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence South 0 Degrees 46 Minutes West, 660.54 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 34 Minutes West, 656 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing West 204.02 feet; thence South 0 Degrees 48 Minutes 49 Seconds West, 813.45 feet to the center of Wakeley Bridge Road; thence North 65 Degrees 42 Minutes West, 226.25 feet; thence North 1 Degree 32 Minutes 30 Seconds East, 715.65 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 13, 2007
For more information, please call:
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #176655F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael Moshier, A Single Woman, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated May 25, 2007, and recorded on May 29, 2007 in Liber 687 on Page 61, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Nine And 80/100 Dollars (\$111,849.80), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 9, 2008.

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Crawford County Road Commission in conjunction with the Crawford County Transit Authority and the City of Grayling will be holding a Public Hearing during the regular scheduled Road Commission Board meeting, Wednesday, December 26, 2007 @ 10:00 a.m.

Meeting location shall be at the Crawford County Road Commission office in Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648.

Purpose for the public hearing will be to address and approve the selection of proposed projects eligible for TEA 21 funding.

Upon completion the Board will present the recommended proposed projects to the Regional Task Force for Consideration.

Additional information may be obtained from the Road Commission Office. Road Commission phone (989) 348-2281 or fax (989) 348-6933.

Prepared for the Crawford County Road Commission, Crawford County Transit Authority and the City of Grayling.

Cc
Crawford County Transit Authority
City of Grayling
Townships of Crawford County
Crawford County Board of Commissioners

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP SEEKS "BOARD OF REVIEW" APPLICANTS

SOUTH BRANCH TWP. IS SEEKING PERSONS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE SOUTH BRANCH TWP. BOARD OF REVIEW.

INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS MUST BE RESIDENTS OF SOUTH BRANCH TWP. AND SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION ALONG WITH A RESUME OR LETTER OF INTEREST, BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2ND 2008.

TO: SOUTH BRANCH TWP.
BOARD OF REVIEW APPLICANT
P.O. BOX 606
ROSCOMMON, MI 48653

THIS APPOINTMENT WILL BE MADE AT THE JANUARY 8TH BOARD MEETING AND TAKE EFFECT UPON BOARD APPROVAL.

ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERN CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE TOWNSHIP DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS 9:00AM - 12:00NOON) @ 989-275-8232.

TOM KOZLOWSKI
SUPERVISOR, SOUTH BRANCH TWP.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notices in Newsp

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
December 20, 1984

Five members of the 1984 girls basketball team for Grayling High School were given all-league honors topping off their championship season. Seniors Kris Laudenslager, Michelle Barber and Erin Jones were named to the first team all-league and senior Heidi Derenzy and sophomore Michelle Moore were named to the second team. Laudenslager was second in the league in scoring and led the league with an outstanding 15.4 rebounds a game average. Erin Jones was 10th in the league in scoring and Michelle Barber was 13th.

Both middle school proposals were defeated by Crawford AuSable School District voters in a special election. A total of 2218 went to the polls in Grayling, Frederic and Lovells representing about 23 percent of the more than 9600 registered voters in the district.

Injuries knocked out state qualifiers Ron Wyman and Bartsie Cross and prevented Grayling from winning its straight fourth wrestling match. Grayling, with six freshman in the line-up, defeated St. Ignace 45-18 but lost to Gaylord 39-22. Two weeks ago, with Wyman and Cross wrestling, the Vikings whipped Gaylord 45-21. Head coach Don Ferguson said his young squad is

trying to pick up the slack for the injured wrestlers, but they've run into stiff competition.

Five sites in Crawford County were listed in the second annual DNR proposed priority list for contaminated sites. One site in Beaver Creek Township, along Seven Mile Road, ranked 45th out of 291 sites in group 1, the most seriously contaminated sites. The contamination comes from two pits containing residuals of propane gas. The waste was reportedly disposed on the state land with a land use permit by Modular Engineering, at a time when the state and the company believed that there would be no problems from the propane gas residuals. The other four sites in Crawford County were ranked in group 2 as less dangerous.

Building permit fees for most of Crawford County will increase beginning January 1, 1985. The Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted 5-1 to raise fees in nine of ten construction categories. Bruce Jones, building and zoning director for Crawford County, says the increased rates are still below what the state charges. He said if the county didn't offer the service, the state would step in.

Boys playing for the Grayling Vikings J.V. basketball team this year are: Randy Friar, Jeff Palmer, Jeff Wolcott, Wayne

Casler, Dave Somerville, Todd Klinger, Jason McEvers, John Schilbe, Keith Whaley, Todd Hull, Jeff McClellan and Tom Bacon. They are coached by Tom St. Germain, one of the winningest varsity coaches in northern Michigan.

46 Years Ago

December 21, 1961

The nominating committee of Mercy Hospital reported their recommendations of staff officers for the year 1962. Dr. Paul Dosch was named Chief of Staff and Dr. George E. Kieler, of Roscommon, was named Vice-Chief of Staff and Secretary.

Peanut and Jumbo basketball leagues have been set up at the high school under the direction of coach Fraser Dean. He is being assisted by some of the fathers. The peanut league is six teams made up of 5th and 6th grade boys. The jumbo league also has six teams made up of 7th and 8th grade boys.

The Frederic Eagles basketball team split in two games last week defeating Mio at Frederic 45-44 and losing to Rapid City 59-36.

Only three lakes in Crawford County are open for the taking of rainbow trout through the ice during December, January and February. They are Bright and Glory and Shupac Lakes. The fishing must be done through the ice.

Frank Gross was dropped off Saturday at his house, on the return trip from the Soo, where the Central Michigan junior varsity basketball team played the

night before. Frank has seen action on the J.V. team several times this year. He is home for the holidays.

69 Years Ago

December 22, 1938

Clarence Kaine, George Charlo and Ben Garland of Beaver Creek, left Thursday for Detroit where they will construct a log cabin for the Roscommon Log Cabin Co.

Fire evidently started from an over heated furnace and ruined the building housing the Grayling Funeral Home. It is estimated that the loss amounted to about \$2,000. However, both buildings and contents were covered by insurance.

Robert LaMotte and Stanley Madsen have been doing a fine business in Christmas decorations, both in stores fronts and home decorations.

92 Years Ago

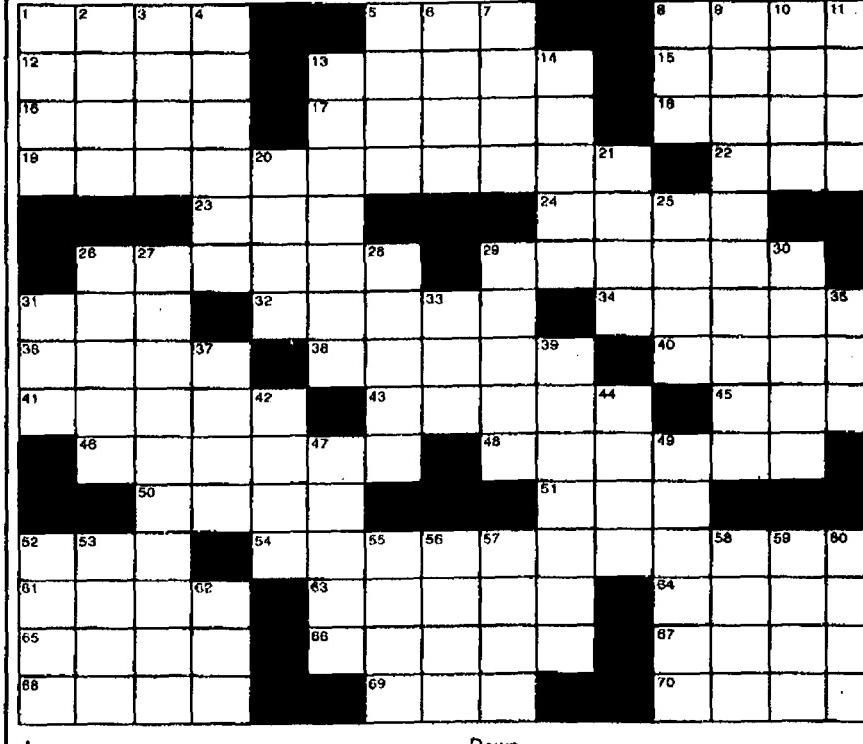
December 23, 1915

Earl Dawson has taken the pool and billiard tables out of the back room at the restaurant and will install dining tables for ladies.

Devere Burgess has a fine new electric sign erected on the outside of his billiard parlor.

The local schools closed Wednesday for the holiday vacation and the pupils were instructed to return January 10 and report to the new school building. It is with extreme pleasure that the pupils and teachers receive this notice.

CROSSWORD



- Across:
- Wine.
 - Phase of matter.
 - Ardent.
 - Baking chamber.
 - Covered.
 - Healthy.
 - Story greatly exaggerated.
 - Lunar impact crater located in the southern half of the Mare Imbrium.
 - Utah unincorporated community.
 - Someone who gives spiritual insight to.
 - Not either.
 - Cease to live.
 - Southwestern Asian city on the Gaza Strip.
 - Crowns worn by beauty pageant winners.
 - Nature or character.
 - Satellite closest to Saturn.
 - Exchange of one thing for another.
 - 8th-century monk Saint (Sturmius).
 - Greek god of war.
 - Progresses with a slow, heavy pace.
 - Acronym for Action Learning Internship Program.
 - Novel by James Michener.
 - Growing old.
 - MTV electronica music video television show.
 - Put jam on bread.
 - Medieval servants who supervised the serving of meals.
 - Readily; willingly.
 - Snakelike fish.
 - Acronym for Economic Strategy Institute.
 - Perceptibly.
 - Risque.
 - Cosmetic for coloring the cheeks.
 - Not false.
 - Slang for a native of Oklahoma.
 - English name meaning "The King."
 - Work hard for and receive.
 - Groups of things of the same kind.
 - Doctor of Dental Surgery.
 - Brings a civil action against.
 - Highly valued.
 - Hear again.
 - Acronym for Graves Registration System.
 - Past tense of "gird."
 - Quick, light knocks.
 - Actress Catherine Jones.
 - Unwelcome or objectional elements.
 - Indefinite.
 - Cold dish prepared with a dressing.
 - Breastplate of Athena.
 - Removes excess from.
 - Actor ... Morita.
 - Slang for something of low quality.
 - Slang for the human face.
 - Garment worn by Indian women.
 - Looked with scorn.
 - Oifspring; progeny.
 - Spider-man's first true love ... Stacy, killed by the Green Goblin.
 - Intensely interested and involved.
 - Most skilled members of a given social group.
 - Greek god of love.
 - Japanese liquor made from fermented rice.
 - Past tense of "sell."
 - Coagulated part of milk used to make cheese.
 - Infused feelings of pride in superiority to others.
 - Tribes in Vietnam, whose main community is at Dak Me Village on the plateau in the Ngoc Hoi District of Kon Tum Province.
 - Attract.
 - Yearnings.
 - Affirmative reply.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



Dried Plum and Chestnut Holiday Dressing

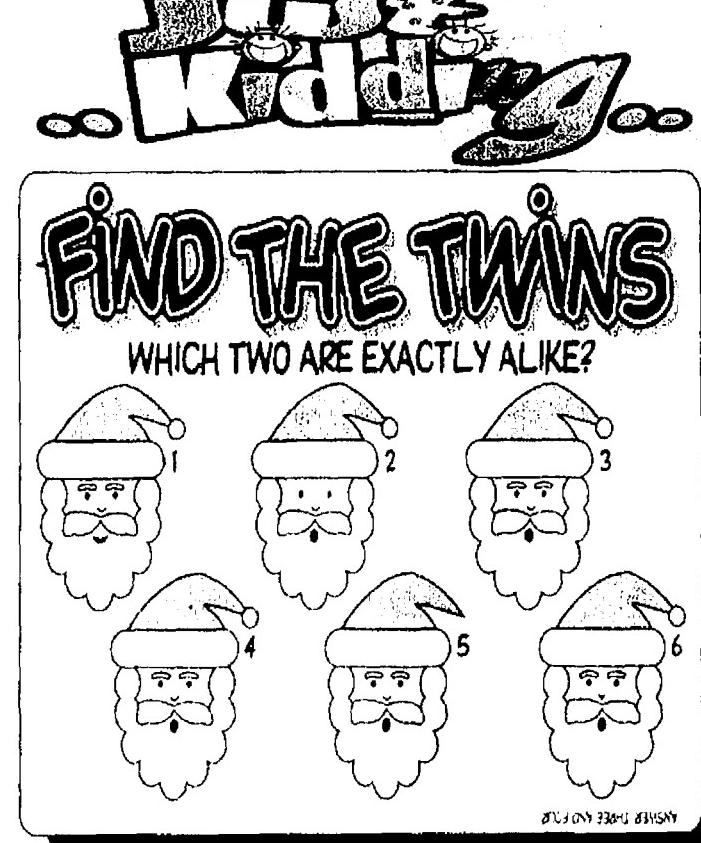
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 50 minutes

1 (1-pound) loaf rustic multigrain bread
4 tablespoons butter or vegetable oil
1 cup diced celery
1 cup diced onions
1 tablespoon crushed fennel seed
2 cups coarsely chopped pitted dried plums

Heat oven to 400°F. Cut crust from bread and discard. Cut bread into large pieces; pulse in food processor to coarse crumbs. In large skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Add celery, onions and fennel seed. Cook, stirring occasionally, about 5 minutes or until vegetables are soft. In large bowl, combine bread crumbs, vegetables, dried plums, chestnuts, parsley, salt and pepper. Add broth and mix gently but thoroughly. (If using eggs, whisk with broth before adding to rest of ingredients.) Transfer to 2-quart shallow oven-proof baking dish; cover loosely with buttered sheet of foil, buttered side down. Bake 30 minutes; remove foil and bake 15 to 20 minutes more or until top is browned. *Cooked chestnuts are available canned, bottled or vacuum-packed. Be sure to purchase unsweetened chestnuts.

1 1/3 cups coarsely chopped cooked chestnuts*
1/2 cup chopped parsley
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
4 cups turkey or fat-free low sodium chicken broth
2 eggs (optional)

Yields: 8 Servings (1 cup serving)



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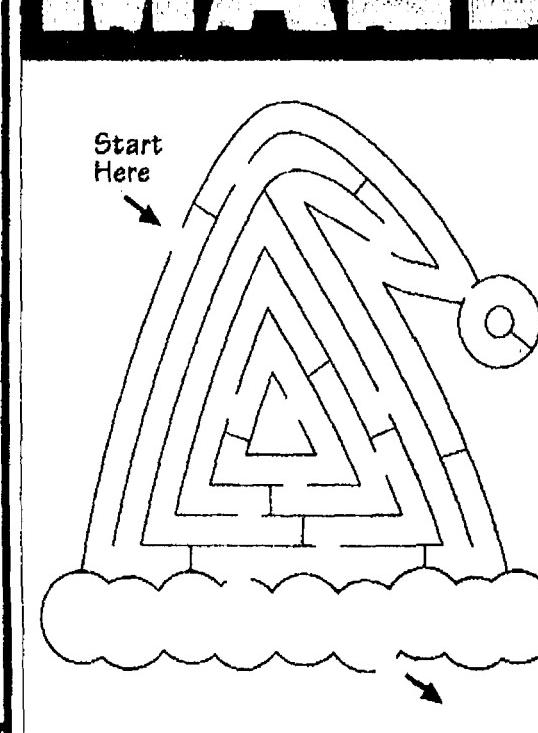
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BALL BIKE BLOCKS DOLL JACK SLINGSHOT SLED SQUIRT GUN SWINGS TEA SET TOP YO-YO

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For the week of December 20, 2007



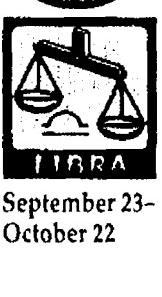
Need a lift, Capricorn? Turn on your radio this week. The songs you hear will do the trick. A redesign is a step in the right direction in getting a project back on track.



Party invites fly at work. Don't worry, Aries. You will receive your fair share. Get ready to put on your dancing shoes and have a ball!



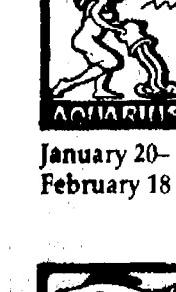
Hey, Cancer. Some opportunities only knock once, and this is one of them. Jump on it, or risk losing out on a dream. A friend has wonderful news for you.



Uh-oh, Libra. Your lack of motivation is contagious. Pick up the pace and rally the troops. Rewards are waiting. A last-minute invitation cannot be refused.



Greetings from all over get the week off to a fantastic start, Scorpio. More good news follows in a flurry of e-mails. An auto issue is caught just in time.



Echoes of the past reverberate loud and clear. Take your cue from them, Aquarius, or risk failure. A series of miracles at home puts the entire family on cloud nine.



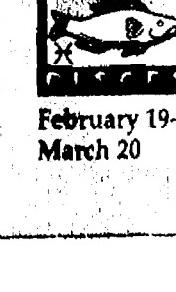
All right, Taurus. A health issue clears up, and you feel like celebrating. Prepare some food and invite some friends for a little get-together.



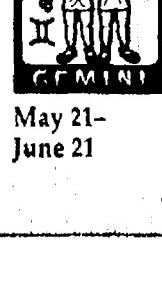
Sweet, Leo. A personal goal is reached. Celebrate with a night on the town at your favorite place. Wishes are granted when you need them most.



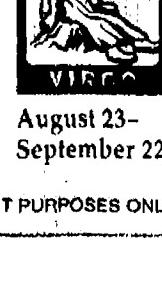
Pretty fights create a tense atmosphere at home. Use outdoor activities to alleviate the tension, Virgo. Passion flairs, and romance burns bright!



Congratulations, Pisces. Your financial future looks brighter than it has in some time. Give yourself a pat on the back. A windfall makes your hard work even sweeter.



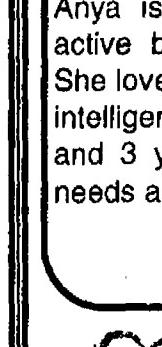
Pssst, Gemini. True love is at hand. Treat it with care. A business relationship improves considerably, and you are the reason. Accolades are many.



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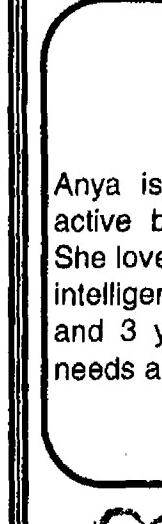


Looking for some inspiration, Sagittarius? It is closer than you think. A far-fetched idea receives more attention than anyone would have guessed.



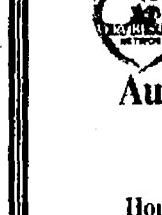
Perry

Perry is a handsome, laid back and affectionate 3 year old cat. He seems good with dogs and other cats. This guy would look great under your Christmas tree.



Anya

Anya is a very pretty and active black shepherd mix. She loves people and is very intelligent. She is between 2 and 3 years old and really needs a loving home.



The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

Ausable Valley Animal Shelter is located at:

5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday thru Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date H L Snow

12/12 32 25 1

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12/14 30 19 1/2

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Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Wednesday

High 32

Low 25

Cloudy

1/2" snow

Wind 27

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

NEWLY BUILT 2X6 construction, 2 br 2 bath, 5 miles east with public and private river access, \$120,000, 989-348-4840. (LR12/27/07/1)

2 BR CABIN, half log, knotty pine interior. Private and public river access, \$85,000, 989-348-4840. (LR12/27/07/1)

THIS USABLE RIVER HOME has over 175 feet of river frontage, and is only 25 feet from the river. You can fly fish from the 750 square foot wrap-around deck. Enjoy this 2,175 square foot brick 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located on the East Branch, 1 mile north of Mercy Hospital.

Featuring a full sized kitchen, living room, finished walkout basement, fireplace, hot tub, large cedar sauna and much more. The manicured lawn, hard to see at this time of year, is watered from an underground sprinkler system and looks like a well maintained golf course. Price has been reduced from \$239,500 down to \$214,500 - a \$25,000 savings. If you buy my house, I would be willing to lease it from you for 2 years. Let's talk. Call 989-348-2083 for showing by owner. (-13-20-27/1)

1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

FIVE ACRES both sides river, both sides road. Three bedroom 2 bath ranch. Two possible bedrooms plus family room, storage in walk-out basement. Pole building across road 989-348-8524. (11/08/2007tf/1)

FOR SALE, will consider land contract or rent with option, 5256 Old 27 N. Frederic. Newly renovated inside and out. 3 Br, \$99,000. 348-4252 days or 348-5256 after 5 pm and weekends. (-20-27/1)

2. For Rent

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom apt. in town, \$475 a month plus security deposit, includes heat and water. Phone 989-619-9689. (-20-27/2)

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT \$425 and up, some pet restrictions. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

WORKING IN THE AREA and need housing by the week or month? We can help. North Country Lodge. 348-8471. (LR12/20/07/2)

2. For Rent

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

1-2-3 BEDROOM DUPLEXES for rent starting at \$450 plus security. 989-348-5230. (-6-13-20-27/2)

OFFICE SPACE 570 sq. ft. for lease in the Industrial Park. 989-348-6460. (9/27/07tf/2)

WAREHOUSE SPACE 1,200 sq. ft. for lease in the Industrial Park. 989-348-6460. (9/27/07tf/2)

FOR RENT 1,400 sq. ft., 3 B/R, 2 bath with 150' frontage on the Manistee River. Includes 2 car garage, gas fireplace and is adjacent to state land. \$650/month + security + utilities. No smoking. Please call Craig Hinkle for application 989-348-7440. (10/25/07tf/2)

THREE BEDROOM ranch home, remodeled, like new. Natural gas, nice neighborhood, 1 1/2 bath, garage, nonsmoking. Lawncare for seniors \$695. 1056 Little John Ave. 989-348-2178. (12/13/07tf/2)

MOBILE HOME 2 bedroom \$395, new paint, carpet, windows, plus utilities. One room cabin #1 \$275, includes utilities. Wooded, no pets, 11006 mobile home/11010 N. Old US 27 cabins. Lost Acres. 877-227-6976. (11/1/07tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX appliances, heat, garage \$650 a month 989-390-0027. (10/18/07tf/2)

FOR LEASE will consider land contract or rent with option, 5256 Old 27 N. Frederic. Newly renovated inside and out. 3 Br, lease at \$750 month. 348-4252 days or 348-5256 after 5 PM and weekends. (-20-27/2)

3 BR, 1 1/2 bath trailer for rent. \$750 security deposit, \$550 per month. Newly remodeled, no pets. Contact Mychele 989-348-1854. (-29-6-13-20/2)

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for current availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal, and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989 348-9456, for more information. (11/29/07tf/2)

ROOM \$290 monthly, utilities included, in Bear Lake area, call Paul 989-390-0778. (-13-20/2)

2 BEDROOM, 2 bath modular, central air, washer/dryer, 2 car garage. Lake front, no pets. Blue Lake area, monthly rent plus utilities, 248-840-9501. (-6-13-20/2)

NICE CLEAN 2 BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$450, no pets. 989-348-2418. (-29-6-13-20/2)

TWO-BEDROOM DUPLEX totally remodeled, floors, cabinets, drywall, appliances, etc. Storage, lawncare, snowplowing, adult non-smoking \$495 810 Park. 348-2178. (12/13/07tf/2)

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1. Real Estate

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REAL ESTATE FORECLOSURE SALE

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE JANUARY 9, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.

ADDRESS: 7620 N. OLD US-27 FREDERIC MI 49733

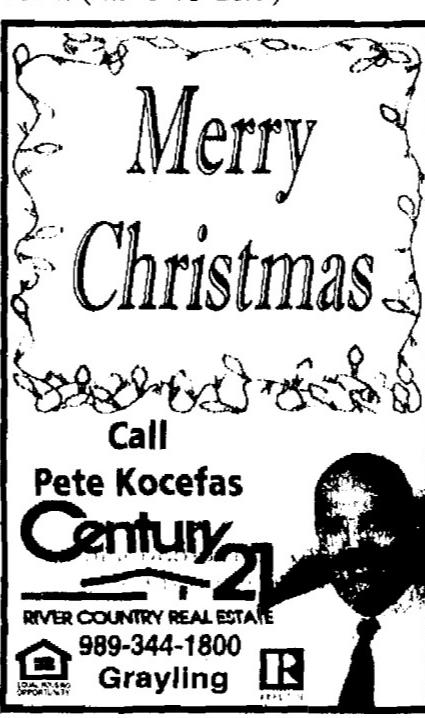
MINIMUM BID: \$24,800.00 PLUS \$1.00

3 BR, 2 BATH, 1.997 ACRES PROPERTY SIZE

REDEMPTION 6 MONTHS

OFFER MUST BE IN FORM OF CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER THE DAY OF THE SALE.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT RURAL DEVELOPMENT AT: USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT
240 W. WRIGHT STREET
WEST BRANCH, MI 48661



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New kitchen and roof in this four bedroom/2 bath home in a great neighborhood! Plenty of room with formal living room and family room too. Very large backyard with a deck. \$99,900. #5934

Immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with full basement and two car garage, located on five acres in the snowbelt adjacent to thousands of acres of state land. Home features vaulted ceilings, ceiling fans, fenced yard and garden area. #5935 \$95,000

Commercial building with high visibility from Old 27 and County Road 612, in Frederic. Lot is approx. 100 x 200 and the building is 1456 S.E. with an office and bathroom facility. Mobile home slab on property. \$79,900 \$79,000

3 lots! Great neighborhood close to town. Fresh paint and central air are just a few interior features. Outside enjoy the garage, shed, fenced in area, covered porch and tons of space. \$114,900 #5898

Neat as a pin 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath mobile home on 5 acres. Home features a new metal roof, master suite, knock-out kitchen with separate dining room and deck overlooking prime hunting property. New 4 car garage. #5894 \$69,000

Well maintained home in the city of Grayling across the street from the Catholic Church. Close to everything. Ideal for the growing family, short commute to drop the kids off to school. Four bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths. #5768 \$65,000

Quality built home in very pretty setting on 2.46 acres w/storage garage. Featuring a cut stone fireplace, attached heated 26x30 garage, w/upstairs work shop, a 10x28 garage, industrial steel roof, hot water heater. Flip switch for generator should the electricity go out. #5933 \$147,500

Exceptional home in Harbor Beach includes dock slip on the canal to Lake Michigan, access to shared private parks. Features: master bedroom suite, fireplace, 2,234 square feet plus a finished basement, landscaping, sprinkler system, hot tub, 3 car garage, carport. #5900 \$318,000

Beautiful sunsets can be yours on 53 feet of east shore Lake Michigan frontage with a 360 foot deep lot. Two bedrooms, one bath and a 2 car garage. Cement patio between house and garage is 13 x 13. #5872 \$349,000

Crispy clean & like new! Chalet home, built in 2001, offers a bright open interior with cathedral ceilings and a very pretty, brick fireplace. Situated on a nicely wooded parcel, offering that up-north feel right down to the camp fire pit. #5905 \$49,900

Mobile home with front and back porch. 2 car pole barn garage with lean to plus an extra storage shed. Blocks laid for an 8 x 32 addition. Nice big yard as this all sits on a 2.5 acre lot, close to snowmobiling and hunting. #5907 \$34,900

Make this historical home part of your family's history. This home features much of the old woodwork, wooden staircase railings and doorway arches. Beautifully landscaped with over 100 rose bushes, waterfall with pond, and winding stone paths. A must see! \$109,900 #5945

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2. For Rent

RENTAL, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home \$600 per month recently updated, 989-205-2657. (-13-20/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT, 3 bedroom, 2 full baths on 3 acres. Call 810-225-0395. (-20-27/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT (Grayling). Nice 2 bedroom 1 bath, big kitchen, dining room, living room, laundry and utility room, call 989-448-4200. (-20-27/2)

3. Employment

ARE YOU AN RN who feels ready to try a new career path?

The Brook Retirement Community of Roscommon has a full time M-F, days position available. Flex hrs., low stress, able to make a difference in the lives and health of our residents. Competitive pay and benefits. Looking for an energetic, organized person to oversee the clinical functions of the assisted living residents, plan/carry out activities, clinical training of staff, public relations. Would also consider an LPN with the right background. Exp. in long term care/geriatrics essential. Send resume to D. Friedreichsen, The Brook, 195 State Street, Roscommon, MI 48653 by January 4th. (-20-27-3/3)

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION Posting date: December 12, 2007. Position: Grayling Elementary after-school Advanced Studies Program Teacher (8 weeks-1-3-8 through 2-21-08 - 1 day per week (Thursdays) 3:30-4:30 p.m. Qualifications: Valid Michigan Teaching Certificate with elementary teaching experience preferred. Additional information is available at 1135 North Old 27. Apply to: Joseph P. Powers, Superintendent, Crawford AuSable Schools, 1135 North Old 27, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline: December 21, 2007 - 12 noon. Crawford AuSable School District, equal opportunity/affirmative action statement. (-20/3)

DRIVER TRAINEES needed now. Drivers being hired and CDL trained for Werner Enterprises. \$800/week no experience needed 800-882-7364. (LR12/27/2007/3)

2. For Rent**Grayling Pines Apartments**

at 595 Meadows Drive in Grayling is currently accepting applications for beautiful 2 bedroom apartments. Rent starts at only \$605.00 a month. These apartments offer a patio, walk-in closets, air conditioning, garbage disposal, window treatments, neutral décor, and spacious living areas, also a very nice playground area. Free heat and free hot water. For a personal showing please call Peggy at (989) 344-0020.

Equal Housing Opportunity
TDD
1-800-649-3777

3. Employment

MARKETING VOLUNTEER to assist with River House, Inc. projects. Please contact Carrie at 989-348-3169. (sgf-13-20/3)

SERVICE MACHINE TECHNICIAN, Air Way Automation, a northern Michigan manufacturer of automated parts feeding and assembly equipment has an opening for an experienced Service Machine Technician. Minimum 5 years field experience. Inquiries to Human Resource; PO Box 563, Grayling, MI 49738. E-mail: sreame@airwayautomation.com, Fax: 989-348-0671. (-13-20/3)

ENGINEERING CLERK, Air Way Automation has an opening for a full-time Engineering Clerk, hands on AutoCAD and Microsoft Office experience required. Inquiries to Human Resource; PO Box 563, Grayling, MI 49738. By e-mail delivery to: sreame@airwayautomation.com, Fax delivery to (989) 348-0671. (-13-20/3)

AUTO DETAILER WANTED, experienced, excellent pay program plus benefits. Apply in person, Don Nester Chevrolet, Roscommon. 989-275-5105. (-20-27/3)

HOME BASED FAMILY THERAPIST: Houghton Lake: Provide therapeutic services to children and adolescents and their families as needed. Services provided include conducting assessments, making diagnoses, development of treatment plans, providing individual and family therapy, monitoring of progress, and documentation of services.

3. Employment

NORTHERN LAKES CMH is seeking applicants for the following positions: Infant Mental Health Specialist - Grayling; ACT Team RN - Grayling; Home Based Therapist - Cadillac, Grayling or Houghton Lake; Wraparound Facilitator - Grayling or Houghton Lake; MI Case Manager - Grayling or Houghton Lake; DD Case Manager - Houghton Lake; Home Based Therapist - Houghton Lake. For further position information, requirements for each position and how to apply, please visit our web page: www.northernlakescmh.org. (-20-27/3)

4. Services Offered

SEWING, ZIPPERS, QUILTER Military welcome, open 6 days a week. (989)348-9349. (1/11/07tf/4)

RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

I CHARGE by the job not the hour. Snow shoveling sidewalks, driveways, decks and porches and shoveling snow off of roofs of houses, garages, trailers and sheds. 348-5081. (-20-27/4)

SNOWPLOWING AND OAK SEASON 16" 18" delivered, \$50 cord Grayling area, other area \$70, roof top ice & snow removal, 30 years experience. Jerry 989-348-7046. (-6-13-20/4)

D. HAWES/DRIVERS TRAINING Northern Driving School. Segment I, \$260. Segment II, \$40.00. Classes offered in Grayling - January, March, May, June, July; Roscommon - December, March, April, June. The only local driver's education company in Crawford and Roscommon Counties. (989) 344-2470. (11/22/07tf/4)

J. DAP CO. gift store is the perfect place to shop for all the special people in your life. Don't forget your teacher, hairdresser, babysitter, fellow workers, secretaries and all the other people who make our life easier every day. J. Dap Co. is located at 118 Michigan Ave., in Grayling. Open late, until 7:00, Friday, December 21 and Saturday, December 22. (-13-20/5)

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CHILD CARE in my home, will take part to full time, 390-4168. (11/29/07tf/4)

HEATHER'S DAYCARE has full time openings for 18 months and older. DHS accepted, breakfast, lunch and snack provided. Open M-F 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. 989-348-1930 or 989-390-2367. (-13-20/4)

3. Employment**Weyerhaeuser**

Production Team Member

Sawmill in Lewiston, MI
Weyerhaeuser Hardwoods

Responsibilities include general production functions. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Need a high school diploma or equivalent, 1+years work experience, a current drivers license, mechanical aptitude, good math skills, ability to problem solve, good communications skills. Experience in sawmill & Computer skills a +.

Weyerhaeuser is an equal opportunity employer.

Deliver resume in person to Michigan Works, 12519 State, Elkland Center, Atlanta, MI

4. Services Offered

RIDING LESSONS special Christmas packages! Horse boarding available. 989-348-9233. (12/13/07tf/4)

ROOF SNOW REMOVAL, roof rake or rooftop shoveling, just overhangs or complete clean off, call Tim 989-390-3895. (-20/4)

SNOW PLOWING day or night 390-1850. (-20/4)

5. For Sale

WAKELEY'S FIREWOOD SEASONED OAK \$60 a cord, cut, split and delivered, minimum 2 cord 989-275-4574. (-20-27-3/5)

CABIN LOGS rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR12/27/07/5)

APPLIANCE SERVICE you will tell your friends about. Over 40 years experience, P&C Appliance Service. 989-348-0167. (-22-29-6-13-20/5)

FIREWOOD split & seasoned oak, some maple mixture. \$60 per cord delivered. 989-348-5124. (-20/5)

AKC SHIH TZU PUPPIES, price reduced.. Ready to go with first shots, 348-8492 or 390-2152. (-20/5)

AB LOUNGER exerciser brand new 348-2070. (-20/5)

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TOYS FOR TOTS at the Sawmill Bar Saturday Dec. 22nd 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. (-20/8)

MIP and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07tf/8)

4. Services Offered**Screen Printing & Embroidery**

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5. For Sale

USED AND RECONDITIONED APPLIANCES, some scratched or dented, some near perfect, 348-0167 ask for Paul. (-13-20/5)

DOWHILL SKIS and boots. Volkl's P50-155 race salomon bindings \$75; P60-165 race \$150; T50 5 Star Supersport 168 \$100 both with marker piston bindings and K2 Merlin VI 167 Marker bindings \$75. Nordica boots 29.5 (approx) size 12. Call 989-348-5156. (-20/5)

8. Announcements

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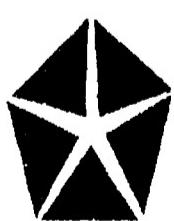
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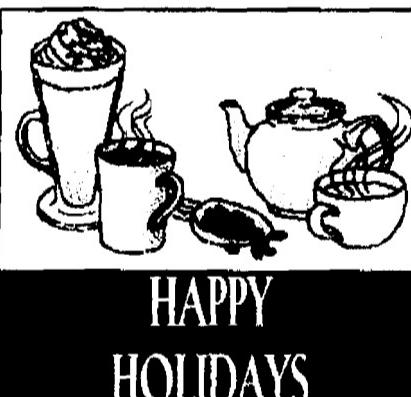
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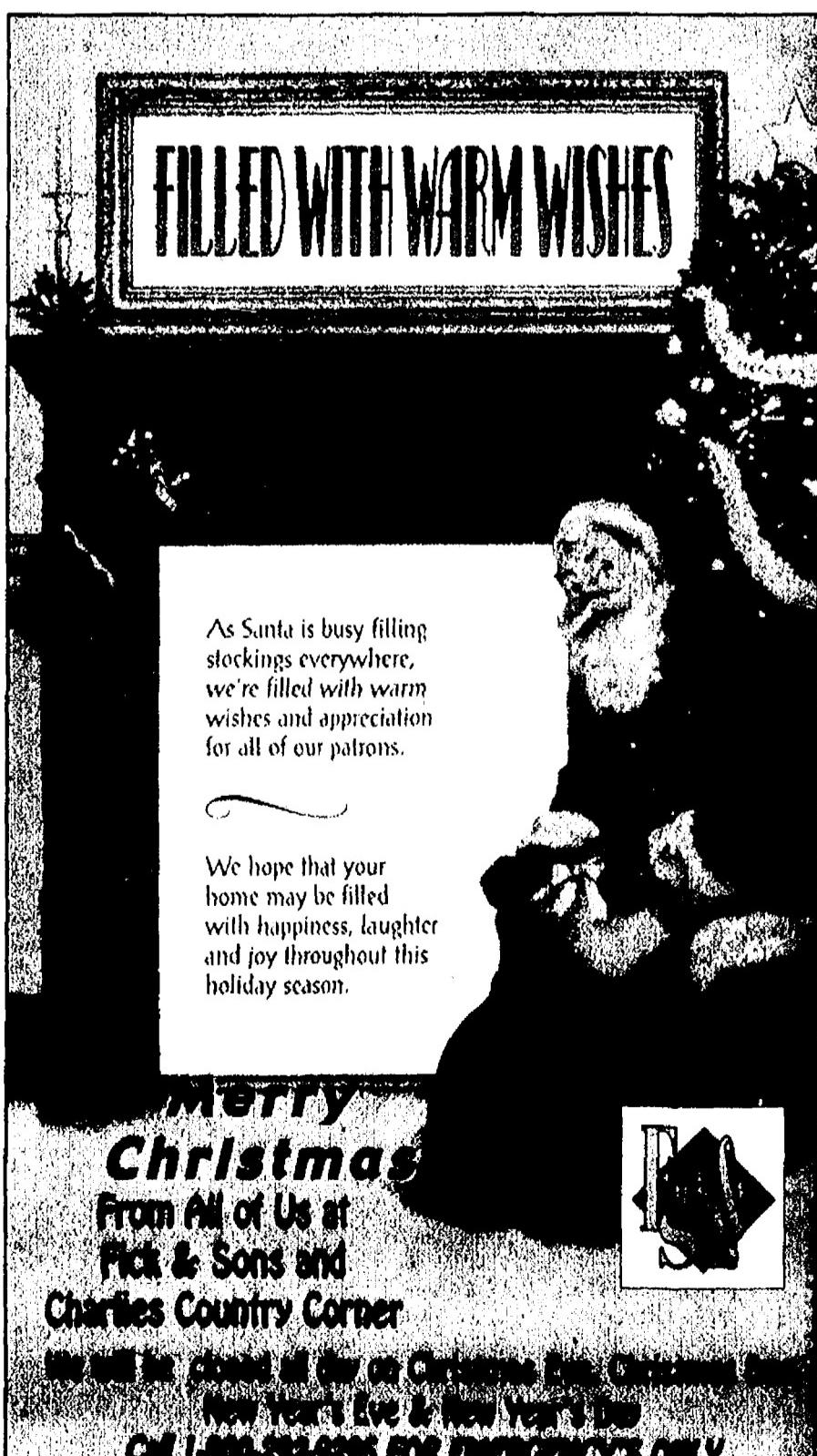
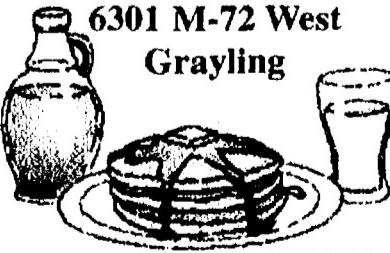
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